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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1914.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

PART OF EMDEN'S CREW STILL AT LARGE.

WARNING TO MERCHANT SHIPPING REGARDING SCHOONER WHICH ESCAPED FROM COCOS.

Allies Continue to Advance.

GERMAN FIELD WORKS AND TRENCHES CARRIED.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Warning to Merchantmen.

Singapore, Dec. 22, 12.40 p.m.
It is officially announced that the Governor of Singapore has reason to believe the statement that the Ayasha has been picked up by a collier to be incorrect. Merchant ships should still guard against the Ayasha, especially while anchoring in unprotected harbours.

[The Ayasha is the schooner by which the landing party from the Emden managed to escape from the Cocos Islands. When the Emden came into sight at Cocos, she wheeled and disclosed an armoured launch and two heavily-manned boats under her counter. They were immediately slipped and sped straight for the jetty. Later it was seen that there were four machine-guns—two in the launch and one in the bows of each boat. Lieut. von Maack, who was in charge of the landing party, commandeered the Ayasha. It was the evening of the landing party joined the Ayasha, towing their two boats and being towed by the launch. The Ayasha is a wooden three-mast schooner built at Plymouth in 1907 and owned by Mr. G. Clunies-Ross. She has a displacement of 123 tons.]

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

Attacks Repulsed.

Dec. 22, 4.55 p.m.

A Paris communique says:—
From the sea to the Lys there have only been artillery engagements.

We repulsed between the Lys and the Aisne a German attack while attempting to debouch from Carancy.

We captured some houses in the region of Blangy. The enemy's attack at Nametz, in the neighbourhood of the trenches did not permit our troops to make much progress in this direction.

We repulsed three attacks in the Lihons region, and also made slight gains eastward and westward of Tracy-le-Val.

Our artillery maintained an effective fire on Monchon plateau. There have been artillery engagements at Rheims, in Champagne and in Argonne, while around Souain there has been violent bayonet fighting. We made no appreciable progress in this district.

Numerous German Positions Captured.

We carried three German field works, representing a trench front of 1,500 metres, in the vicinity of Perthes-lez-Harlay.

We consolidated our positions gained north-east of Beau-Secour and occupied all the trenches bordering La Calvaire Ridge, in the Bois de la Gracie. Our progress continues at St. Hubert.

We repulsed an attack in the Bois Bolants, where some ground had been lost, and recaptured two-thirds of the ground.

Slight progress has been made between Argonne and the Meuse, at Vauquois; and our troops northward of Malincourt succeeded in getting past a barbed wire entanglement and capturing some of the enemy's trenches, where they had hitherto held the ground.

We lost, then recaptured, in the Bois de Consenvoye, ground we had recently won. The fighting was sharp.

There is nothing to report elsewhere.

TO-DAY'S WAR TELEGRAMS.

French Premier's Speech at Opening of Parliament

Dec. 22, 8.35 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that at the opening of Parliament in Paris, M. Viviani (the Premier), in a stirring ministerial declaration to the Chamber of Deputies, reviewed the progress of the war and said that France, in accord with her Allies, would not lay down arms until she had avenged outraged right, regained for ever her lost provinces, restored to heroic Belgium the fulness of her material prosperity and political independence, and broken of her Prussian militarism, so that we might eventually re-construct a regenerated Europe, founded upon peace and right.

The Premier emphasised that France was certain of success, owing to the heroism of her army, guided by incomparable leaders; also her bluejackets, with the British, commanding the seas, protecting the colonies and enabling the transportation of troops.

M. Viviani dwelt on the splendid financial position of France.

V. C. for Lieut. Holbrook.

Dec. 22, 8.35 p.m.
The Gazette announces that the Victoria Cross has been conferred on Lieutenant Norman Holbrook for conspicuous bravery, when in command of the submarine B 11.

The Gazette continues with the exact particulars as cabled on the 14th inst. up to the words "nine hours."

The message referred to was as follows:—"The Official Press Bureau announces that Submarine B 11 (Lieut. Commander Holbrook) entered the Dardanelles, and, despite the difficult currents, divided under five rows of mines and torpedoed the Turkish battleship Messoudiyeh, which was guarding the mine-field. The B 11, although pursued by gunfire and torpedo-boats, returned safely. She was submerged on one occasion for nine hours. When last seen, the Messoudiyeh was sinking by the stern."

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

Germans Reported to Have Evacuated an Important Position.

Dec. 22, 5.25 a.m.

Dutch papers report that the Germans have evacuated Middlekerke, while the French have occupied Westend, near Ostend.

Allies Take Advantage of the Despatch of Enemy Troops to Poland.

Dec. 22, 5.25 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent in Paris learns on excellent authority that the Allies in the West took up a general offensive three or four days ago, profiting by the despatch of German troops to Poland.

The Allies made exceedingly good progress, though a more formidable resistance is expected.

British Get Hold of German Trenches.

Dec. 22, 1.10 a.m.

An evening official statement issued in Paris yesterday says the British made attacks and re-captured this morning most of the lost trenches.

The enemy before Lihons made four successive attacks to recapture the trenches which we previously captured, but all were repulsed.

We attacked north-west of Pair-Saleine, south of Noyon, and gained a footing in the enemy's first line of trenches.

We also advanced in the St. Mark wood.

What the Germans are Doing in the East.

Dec. 22, 5.25 a.m.

A Petrograd official message states:—"The adoption of a more restricted front by the Russians is due to the concentration of very great German forces on our front."

German Supply Ships Captured.

Dec. 22, 5.25 a.m.

British warships near the Falkland Islands have captured the new Hamburg-America liners Baden and Santa Isabel, both of which had been acting as supply ships to the German fleet.

(Official Telegram from the British Foreign Office.)

Relief of the Belgians in Belgium.

Dec. 21.

The people of New Zealand, Queensland and New South Wales have contributed one hundred thousand pounds for the relief of Belgians in Belgium who are suffering in consequence of the war.

LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

Famine Another Enemy of Germany.

Dec. 21.

The wholesale price of sugar in Germany has risen Marks 1.50 per double cwt.

The price of coal in the Saar district has risen Marks 1.20 per metric ton.

Further increases are feared and prices are already abnormal.

The Reichsanzeiger urges the observance of economy in regard to all food stuffs, and an urgent appeal has been issued to all individuals in Germany to give up all the gold they possess in exchange for paper.

The War and Unemployment.

Dec. 21.

The percentage of unemployment returned in the United Kingdom at the end of November was 2.9, as compared with 4.4 per cent. at the end of the previous month and 2.0 per cent. a year ago.

In trades compulsorily insured against unemployment, such as shipbuilding, the percentage out of work is well below last year's figures. Last week it was 3.46, as against 4.31 a year ago.

In Germany, despite the large number of men called to the colours and the quantity of Government work, the unemployed number more than ten per cent., as against 2.8 last year.

Loyal Message to the King from the New Sultan.

Dec. 21.

The Sultan of Egypt has addressed a telegram to H.M. the King, thanking his Majesty for his assurance of the co-operation and protection of Great Britain and expressing the resolution to devote himself to the progress and well-being of his people.

HAVRE AS BELGIAN CAPITAL.

Officials Installed in Hotels of Suburb.

Havre, October 25.—Havre, the war capital of Belgium, looks little different from the Havre of other days. The reason is the Belgians have taken over a summer resort suburb known as Nice-Havrais and turned its hotels, club houses, and casinos into government offices, not neglecting private dwellings and a large, but half-empty, department store.

Automobiles flying the Belgian colours race along the boulevards, but if the city has taken on any foreign tinge it is rather British, for British soldiers and motor-vans may be seen everywhere.

The main offices of the Belgian Government are divided between the hotelierie, a large tea and club house on a point overlooking the sea at the further end of Nice-Havrais, and the department store over on the Havre side.

The higher Government officials have taken houses near by, while the lesser stay in the city hotels.

Relief headquarters are maintained for the Belgian refugees in the city hall of Havre. There, bread tickets and old clothes are distributed and work is found for those able to work. Mechanics of all classes, particularly those with telegraph, railway, or foundry experience, are engaged off-hand, since they are badly needed in France, where all available men have been called to the front.

Women Run Cars and Shops. Except for the necessary dock workers, everyone able to serve at the front has been called out of Havre. Women conductors are not unusual on the street cars and almost all of the small shops are run by women.

Although its streets are filled with traffic, there is little of the gay life remaining in Havre. Frequenters of the cafes are few, and mostly soldiers. The cafes themselves close at eight o'clock in the evening and the restaurants at ten. From then until morning, Havre is a dry town.

There is no longer music in the cafes. The theatres, even the moving picture houses, are closed

down, for people have no heart for amusements. However, the streets have not been darkened.

Prices of food and other supplies have not been affected by the war. The first shops attempting to raise prices were destroyed by mobs, which caused the others to hang out signs saying the old rates remained. The Government then fixed the maximum rates of all commodities. Food, especially fish and fruit, is rather cheaper than before the war.

Hotels Become Hospitals. The British have turned a number of hotels and other buildings into hospitals, and their hospital ship lies in the Havre docks. They also use this port as a supply base, and great motor-vans, bearing the names of British firms, depart constantly for points known only to the army.

An exchange of German money for French has been arranged by Mr. J. B. Osborne, the American Consul, for the German prisoners detained at Havre in goal and in hospitals. This enables them to buy tobacco and other luxuries not supplied by the French.

Only the wounded Germans are kept here. The prisoners of war taken by the British are sent across the Channel almost as fast as they arrive. But the wounded are placed in hospitals under guard. In case of deaths, of which there have been fifteen out of the 150 in the hospitals, the names are sent to the American Embassy at Paris. They are communicated to the War Office at Berlin through the American Embassy.

Of the captured officers and men Consul Osborne has talked with, none had any complaints. Their treatment, they said, was the same as the French and British wounded receive. In the goal, the men are kept in separate cells at night, but allowed to mingle together in the yard during the day. Although rather downcast in appearance, owing to their positions as prisoners, they are extremely docile and give the authorities no trouble.

The arrival of captured German soldiers is a not uncommon sight. In no case has there been any demonstration by the people. The prisoners receive the same rations as the British soldiers, and seem to be well-treated.

TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

The prices of food are rapidly rising in Germany.

Stirring speeches were delivered at the opening of the French Parliament in Paris.

The British troops have made attacks and re-captured from the Germans most of the lost trenches.

The Allies in the west have begun a general offensive, and have made exceedingly good progress.

The concentration of very great German forces has caused the Russians to adopt a more restricted front.

Dutch papers report that the Germans have evacuated Middlekerke and the French occupied Westend.

Before Lihons, the Germans have made four unsuccessful attacks to recover trenches taken by the Allies.

An urgent appeal has been issued to individuals in Germany to give up all gold for use of the State in exchange for paper.

British warships near the Falkland Islands have captured two new H.A.L. liners acting as supply ships to the German fleet.

Interesting comparisons of unemployment in England and Germany are contained in a British Foreign Office telegram.

The Victoria Cross has been awarded to Lieut. Norman Holbrook, who commanded the submarine B 11 when she entered the Dardanelles and blew up a Turkish battleship.

NEWS.

Interesting war items are given to-day.

Further notes on the crisis appear on page 4.

General news and some notes from neutral countries appear on page 3.

"Our Contemporaries" appears on page 2, share quotations on page 9 and log book on page 6.

The chairman's speech at the annual meeting of the Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., is given to-day.

For Christmas shoppers, useful hints regarding the leading lines supplied by local firms appear to-day on the back of page 8.

The directors' recommendations submitted to the annual meeting of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., are given to-day.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

Monday, December 28.

Auction of China and Carries—G. P. Lammer's Sales Room—2.30 p.m.

Sale of Quarrying Rights—P. W. D.—3 p.m.

Saturday, January 2.

A.D.C. presents "Snowwhite and the Frog Prince"—Theatre Royal—9.15 p.m.

Wednesday, January 6.

A.D.C. Matinee, Theatre Royal "Snowwhite and the Frog Prince"—4.30 p.m.

Saturday, January 30.

Charles Fote, H.K. University, 3-7 p.m.

GENERAL NEWS.

China and the States.
With reference to a report that the Chinese Government proposes to raise a loan of \$200,000,000 from an American syndicate on the security of the iron mines in China, which are about to be nationalised, says an *Asahi* despatch, a "certain American resident in Peking" is reported to have remarked that the Americans would be willing to advance money for charitable work, but would not take advantage of China's financial difficulties for the sake of making money, especially at the present moment when the friendly Powers of Europe are engaged in a war in which the very existence of their countries is at stake. The Americans, he said, were not so foolish as to take a course which would naturally excite the indignation of friendly Powers.

Presidential Mandate.
Peking, Dec. 13.—By order of the President:—Recently, order and quiet have been gradually restored everywhere in the provinces. There have been, however, some incorrigible rebels, plotting the downfall of their fatherland and creating disturbances in our realm. Consequently, our good people have not been able to enjoy their slumber in peace. Especially upon the two provinces of Kwangtung and Chekiang they have bent upon executing their destructive designs. Luckily, our superior civil and military officials in these provinces united their effort in protecting our population. They discovered rebel meeting places and made arrests; time and again, thus frustrating their attempt to indulge in depredations, robbery and thieving. They have rendered us a signal service in suppressing these desperadoes and reassuring the innocent people.

Shanghai—not Hongkong.
Entertainments in Shanghai during the Christmas week will include a dance on the 24th at the Astor House Hotel and a Masked Ball on the 31st. The weekly dances at the Hotel are becoming very popular. At last Saturday's dance over 150 couples were present. Hongkong will be as cheerful and convivial during the Christmas week—as it always is.

The China Association.
In consequence of the war, the usual annual dinner of the China Association, originally fixed for November 11, was cancelled by the committee of the Association. Several members sent the amount of their tickets to the Secretary, and with such sums it was decided to forward some comfort for the men at the front. Consequently 900 lbs. of tobacco and 270,000 cigarettes have been despatched.

General Villa's Opportunity.
Washington, November 20.—Mr. Silliman, the United States Consul at Mexico City, has reported that General Obregon's troops were entraining for Orizaba, and that General Obregon was moving the Government offices with them. Mr. Silliman added that the city was in a state of decided unrest. Advice arriving to-day announced that General Obregon had declared war on General Villa. The despatch added that General Obregon was going to Salina Cruz. As that port, on the Pacific side of the isthmus of Tehuantepec, is far from the scene of the threatened hostilities, the officials here are somewhat perplexed. With General Carranza close to Vera Cruz and General Obregon en route for Salina Cruz, both good ports of departure from Mexico, it would seem as if General Villa would encounter little opposition in marching on Mexico City and assuming the Presidency.

Another £10,000 from Fiji.
The Governor of Fiji has sent the following telegram to the Secretary of State:—"It gives me much pleasure to inform you that the Legislative Council of Fiji, this day has voted £10,000 to the Prince of Wales National Relief Fund. This amount is in addition to £6,700 already contributed to the fund from private sources. It is the earnest desire of all persons of the community to give all possible assistance to the Mother Country, and to show its high appreciation of the righteousness of our cause and the gallantry of our troops.—(Signed) Escoff."

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NOTES FROM STATES STILL NEUTRAL.

Compiled from Latest Available Continental Newspapers.

On the recent birthday of King Christian of Denmark both he and the Premier, Mr. Zahle, took occasion to emphasise their desire to maintain absolute neutrality. The King added: "These serious days try all of us. We are united in our love for our country and our readiness to make any sacrifice for her sake. In such a spirit we shall, with divine help, hand down Denmark to coming generations as we received it—free and independent."

Denmark, according to the *Köller Zeitung*, can boast of a military surgeon over ninety years old. It is State Councillor Dr. Hermann Magnus, who has offered himself for eventual service in a field hospital. He is mentally and physically sound and vigorous. When he was still "young," that is to say, considerably over seventy, he received a patent for an ear trumpet.

Swiss professor are now trying their hands at letters of protest to their German colleagues. It seems that Switzerland is being deluged with German newspapers, sent for the purpose of spreading enlightenment as to the true causes of the war. Prof. Albert Malesch, of Geneva, in reply to an article in the *Leipziger Neueste Nachrichten*, which he had received from some unknown source, together with a circular signed by "Members of the Teaching Corps of the University of Leipzig," writes to the rector of the University to protest against being furnished with documents of this nature. He asks whether German professors, with their well-known scientific objectivity, can possibly wish to father the strange tales contained in such sheets—the story that little Serbia, exhausted by two wars, wanted to wrest from Austria-Hungary the south-east corner of the Empire, and that France was the first to violate the neutrality of Belgium, and wanted war. Neither are the Belgians, in the language of the *Leipziger Nachrichten*, "hyenas that have to be tamed," nor is French culture "a farce."

The comments of Roumanian papers on the first utterances of King Ferdinand were guarded. The *Conservative Journal, Minerva*, said: "As Crown Prince, he expressed no political opinions; as King, he will have to show in what path he intends to lead Roumania. His policy as constitutional monarch will be dictated by the needs and aspirations of our country, and by the wish to add to her prestige and maintain her prosperity." The paper *Romania* said: "The history of our country, whatever surprises the future may have in store, is indissolubly connected with the work of King Carol."

The late King, according to the *Vittoria*, left 12,000,000 l.s. (about \$2,400,000) for charitable purposes. The castle of Pelesch is left to the new King. The Dowager Queen, however, is to have its use for life.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung*, in an article on "Neutral Spain," says of the present Premier, Dato, that he governs by a policy which is essentially in contradiction to his Conservative programme, inasmuch as it embodies the progressive aspirations demanded by the present spirit of the nation. Intellectual Spain, the *Zeitung* remarks, has always been under the sway of German ideas. France has long been distrustful politically; and the violent efforts made of late to influence public opinion in favour of the Allies have largely failed, owing to the doubtful means employed. Alexander Lerroux, the leader of the Radical Republicans, who were utterly defeated at the last election, has been chosen for the pro-French propaganda, and he has rendered himself obnoxious to all who have the best interests of the country at heart. In the large cities, meetings are being held to protest against his activity, and on his recent arrival from Bordeaux, at the frontier town of Irun, he met with such an unfriendly reception that he preferred to return to France. He is now at Barcelona, where his house is under police surveillance. The Premier is taking pains to disown him; he remarked, at a recent reception given to journalists, that apparently Lerroux forgets at times to what nation he belongs.

The Stockholm *Dagblad* protests emphatically against an article in the *Paris Temps* warning the Scandinavian countries against exporting goods to Germany.

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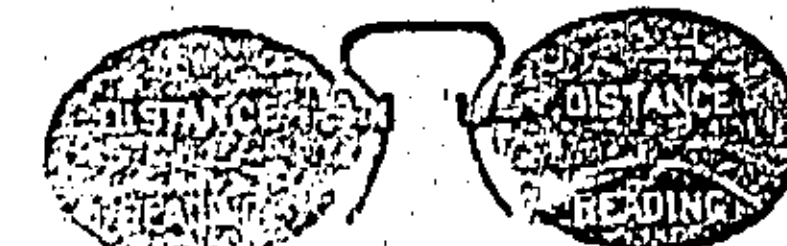
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many, and also saying that after the conclusion of peace France will demand an accounting for the uses to which Sweden put the loan placed on the Paris market. The *Dagblad* expresses its astonishment at the hostile tone of the *Temps*. "We have not become vessels of France," it says, "by placing this loan. Such threats scarcely agree with the interest in the neutral States which France professes to feel. The Swedish people are behind their Government, which, while adhering to neutrality, safeguards the interests of the country, and will not be deterred from its course by threats."

Prof. Pontus Fahlbeck, formerly a member of the Upper House of the Swedish Riksdag, and a distinguished professor of political science at the University of Lund, has published, in the *Statsvetenskapliga Tidskrift*, an article on "The World War and Our Country," in which, while emphasising the duty of Sweden to remain neutral in the present conflict, he recurs to the hope, formerly expressed by him, of a future alliance between Sweden and Germany. "I do not abandon this idea," he says, "even if I approve the present policy. Each day has its own demands, called forth by momentary exigencies."

Of course, the humdrum wisdom of our complacent bachelors, of which we have so plentiful a supply, has stood aghast at such an idea, while one declaration of war after another was being hurled at Germany. How, they exclaimed, should we have fared if we had taken part in the war? But such fear cannot invalidate my conviction. I am actuated by a hope for the future, and by the recognition of plain facts. Russia, who has started this world war, would surely have hesitated to draw her sword, if a thoroughly armed Sweden had stood by the side of Germany."

"Not Buying Cabbages." During the hearing of the case in which the plaintiff, a Chinese woman, sought to recover certain title deeds, a witness said that during the negotiations one of the interested parties, a Chinese, expressed a desire to see the land, remarking that "he was not buying cabbages or vegetables, and he wanted to see what the land was like."

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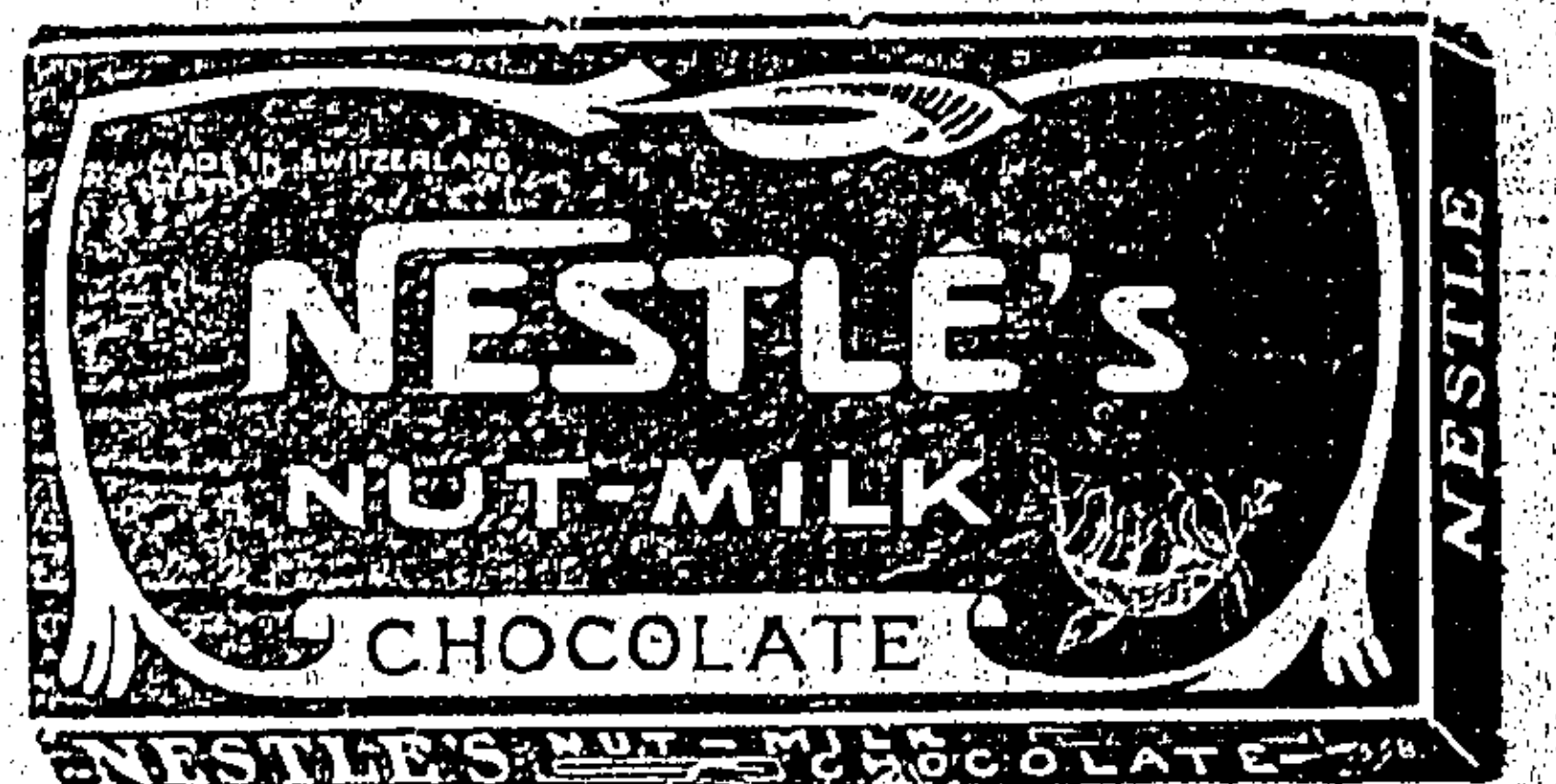
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CINEMATOGRAPH PLAYS.

Who are the people, one wonders, who write, or construct—or misconstruct—the cinematograph plays? A few years back, perhaps, the question would not have seemed worth diving into; but to-day, in Europe and America, and to a great extent even in such small colonies as Hongkong, the picture palace has become not only a diversion but an influence. The modern serious cinematograph plays might be classified as good, ridiculous and pernicious. Under the first head very few that we have ever seen would come; under the last, quite a fair number; but the bulk would undoubtedly have to be set down forthwith as ridiculous.

Of course, among a given hundred or thousand of spectators, there will be persons with all sorts of appetites, and it is the business of the film-maker to consider: how near he can go to pleasing everybody. Unfortunately he, as often as not, ends by pleasing nobody. Nowadays, when in want of a topic of conversation, it is fashionable to abuse the press censor. Can we not find a word or two to say against Mr. Redford, or his representatives? We have been told by people interested in the cinematograph business that quite good and entirely harmless films have been condemned by the censorate, on account of some very trivial detail. But we have also been told—by our own eyes—that many a picture is passed by the censor which is calculated to do serious harm where young people or the natives of the Colonies are concerned. More than once or twice the *Telegraph* has published instances of youthful crime being traced to the influence of the picture-house. Is it good that a boy in his teens, who is of a turn of mind partly romantic and partly criminal, should be allowed to see the means by which a successful forger, for example, gains his ends? Similarly, is it a good thing for any colony where the criminal classes among the Chinese are to be found, that the noble art of house-breaking or of safe-opening should be so realistically portrayed as is often the case? Once more, will it increase the native's estimation of the European to have played before him the questionable performances of one of the great uncaged—or uncaged?

Now and then, apart from the occasional dramatised novel, the film-makers take it into their heads to publish a play that is in all respects good, whether comedy or the reverse. And when we say "good" we do not here mean necessarily so from any one particular point of view—artistic, technical, moral, or what-not; but rather that the play in question is reasonably faithful to life. Five-sixths of the plays which we have seen, exclusive of those that are positively harmful, would not persuade even a child that they are "true." As often as not, some unfortunate (and innocent) person is condemned to a long term of imprisonment on evidence that no court in the world would accept, and a similar sort of exaggeration is noticeable, in other directions, in the average film. Why all this should be, it is difficult to say, for it ought to cost the producers no more to make a story convincing than to make it absurd. They should know their own business best, but we cannot help thinking that there is an enormous demand for sane and sensible story-films, and that those which are of the reverse order are calculated to drive custom away from picture-houses rather than to attract it. The managers of such houses as are a long way removed from the central offices or agencies are more or less helpless in the matter, for they must take the agent's or the manufacturer's word that the films which are being sent to them are good ones. But inasmuch as a local manager's power to buy or hire new pictures depends on the extent to which his house is patronised, it is surely to the makers' interest to see that they put out such films as will "draw" and not "repel."

Canton-Hankow Railway.

The other day, in a leading article, we commented at some length on the irritating delay in the work of linking up Canton and Hankow by rail—a work in which Hongkong has a peculiar concern. We then spoke of the probability of the rate of progress being retarded further still by the stoppage of foreign funds in consequence of the war. What was then a probability has now become an actuality, for Northern papers indicate an early stoppage of whatever work there is in hand, while the Chinese Director has gone on a visit to Peking to discuss with the authorities ways and means of finding the needed funds for the project. What the result of his mission will be remains to be seen, but at the moment the outlook is none too rosy. It has been proved again and again that the Chinese themselves will not lay out money for the development of their own country—from want of trust in the officials, as much as from any other cause—and we see small hope of the wherewithal being just now supplied from outside sources.

A Growing Evil.

Again and again in this column and elsewhere have we dilated on filthy habits of the Chinese which are allowed to go unchecked in this Colony. To-day a lady correspondent, whose letter will be found in another column, relates an experience, even the thought of which makes one shudder in disgust. But expectation from verandahs is a mild habit compared with some others of a like nature which we could mention. The scandal is that these filthy practices should be tolerated. Our correspondent suggests, as one way of dealing with the matter, the serving of strongly-worded notices in Chinese on tenement-holders. That might have some effect, but a vigilant watch kept on Chinese tenements and a few really stiff fines on offenders would be more effectual still. We know quite well that it is no easy matter to catch the transgressors, but the thing has now become such a common nuisance that special efforts should be made to bring some of these individuals to book.

"HELPLESSLY DRUNK."

Could Talk, but Couldn't Walk.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, Charles Austin, an American sailor, was charged with being drunk and incapable in Queen's Road.

An Indian constable said that when he made the arrest, the defendant was staggering about the road and impeding the traffic. Inspector Fenton said that, when the defendant came to the police station, he was helplessly drunk. He was brought up in a chair, and had to be carried from the charge room to the cells. He was able to talk, but not to walk. The defendant claimed that if he had been let alone he would have got into a ricksha and gone to the Seamen's Institute, where he had previously secured a bed. He was aware that he must have gone to the Police Station in a chair, for he certainly was not able to walk that distance. Had he not been stopped he would have gone straight home.

Mr. Wood fined the man \$5, and in doing so remarked that he was of opinion that the constable would not have interfered with him unless he had been compelled.

P. AND O. COMPANY.

Handsome Dividend on Deferred Stock.

At the 74th Ordinary General Meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, held on December 16, the directors, after providing for the usual dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the Preferred Stock, recommended a dividend on the Deferred Stock of 6 per cent. for the six months, together with a bonus at the rate of 5 per cent. making, with the interim dividend of 3 per cent. paid in May, a total distribution on the Deferred Stock of 15 per cent. for the year.

DAY BY DAY.

THE NOBLEST MIND THE BEST CONTENTMENT HAS.—Spenser.

The Weather.

Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 60; clear.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 54; clear.

The Mails.

English Mail.—Closed per s.s. Kitano Maru at 9 a.m. to-day.
Canadian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Chicago Maru to-morrow at 2 p.m.
Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Yingchow to-morrow at 3 p.m.

Count the Columns.

Yesterday the *Telegraph* published 35 columns of solid reading matter. To-day there will be 33 published.

The Dollar.

The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1s 9.1-16d.

Possession of Ammunition.

A Chinese, returning from Australia, was charged before Mr. Wood, at the Police Court to-day, with unlawfully being in possession of a quantity of ammunition. He was fined \$50. Another Chinese arrested as he landed from a sampan with a pistol and 200 rounds of ammunition in his possession was fined \$250.

Mishap to the Benlawers.

The s.s. Benlawers, which arrived in port to-day, reports that during the last two days of the run up from Singapore, light easterly winds and heavy swell were experienced. At 7 p.m. on the 21st, land was sighted right ahead, and before anything could be done the vessel struck, damaging her stem and filling the fore peak with water.

Trade Enquiries.

Hongkong importers are invited by the latest American Trade Enquiry List to correspond with American exporters seeking Hongkong connections as listed below:—Electric insulated and other wires; cotton fabrics; antioxins, curative sera, vaccines and pharmaceutical products; enamelled ware; detached electric light plants; wood-working machinery; and formaldehyde fumigators.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Chinese Committed for Alleged Assault on Woman.

This morning, at the Police Court, before Mr. F. A. Hazland, U. Pui, a Chinese, was charged with having, in company with another not in custody, assaulted Sybil Joseph, of 16, Queen's Road East, with intent to rob.

Prisoner pleaded not guilty. Inspector Gordon was in charge of the case.

The prosecutrix, in the witness box, said she lived by herself and had an amah in her employ. On Saturday at about 10 a.m. she was lying on her couch reading, with her breakfast beside her, the amah being away at the market. All of a sudden she looked up and saw the defendant coming towards her with a cloth in his hand. The defendant put the cloth on her mouth and as he did so she felt two other hands give her blows on the chest and then hold her down. Witness tried to scream, but was unable to do so. The other man then went into the next room while the defendant held her down. They continued to struggle and the tray, table and breakfast things were knocked over. Then she heard her amah's voice and the defendant ran away, leaving behind his cap and shoes.

Prosecutrix's amah deposed that when she was returning from a visit to the comprador's shop at about 10 a.m. on Saturday she met a man coming down her mistress' stairs. She went downstairs, followed by the defendant, who was captured by a money-changer and his assistant.

After hearing further evidence, His Worship committed the prisoner for trial.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

THE SPECTRE OF FAMINE IN GERMANY.

Despatch of German troops to Poland, and the Consequence.

Despite the somewhat vacillating reports from the eastern battlefield, we are able, in consequence of the cables received over-night, to form our own opinion of what has been happening along the Russian frontier. So serious have matters been from the German standpoint that it was found necessary to draw from the troops in the west to fill up the gaps made in those in the east. This surely is not a sign of Germany being victorious beyond historical record. It indicates, rather, that the Russians have been mowing down the enemy in the colossal manner in which their despatches have stated. And what has been the result of this poulticing of the western flank? The Allies have just taken their own time, and, finding the weakness, pushed the enemy back a considerable distance in a few days, further than they had heretofore in as many weeks almost. And now we find that the British have recaptured a host of trenches and that the Allied forces have routed the opposition from its first line of defence, at many points and are positively in the first line of German trenches.

The Real Front.

The omniscient William has found that his country has been actually invaded by an enemy that announced its presence very rudely—famine. As relentless as pestilence, famine is literally sweeping the country. Even the much-muzzled press is calling out in agony against the increased price of food and its never ceasing upward tendency. And all this while the fantailed warships nestle in the snug harbours of Wilhelmshaven, two or three leaving the nest when driven out for want of excitement. HE has gone back to the front, we are told, but in going to the scene of shot and shell he is actually leaving the front, the fighting front along which the terrible struggle of the people against the ravishes of hunger is taking place—a battle more serious to Germany than the blind militarists can see.

Naval Matters.

The British warships, we learn, have captured, near the Falklands, the new Hamburg-America liners Baden and Santa Isabel, which were acting as supply ships to the remnant of the German Fleet that is sneaking round the Atlantic and the Pacific. This is just another little item to be put on the debit side of Germany's war account. One can safely assume that the total cost of these two vessels will materially bring down the aggregate of the damage done by the Emden. And, talking of naval matters, our attention is called to the Belgian coast. Here we find that Middlekerke has been evacuated by the Germans, according to the reports in the Dutch papers. We also find that the French have occupied Westend. What does this indicate? Surely that, being two important positions, through their proximity to Ostend, and being very valuable from the point of view of the theatrical invasion of England with the Belgian coast as the base of operations, somehow or other the Stage Carpenter has been called upon to alter the setting of this wonderful scene. This is rather remarkable after the "successful" cracking up of the concrete forts of Scarborough! It becomes more evident day by day that it is now but a question of time, and Time will wither the forces which the Emperor of Germany has ranged against liberty and freedom, against Christianity and against civilisation.

Bravo U. S.

Provisions sent to Brussels by the American Commission for the relief of Belgium, provide 400,000 meals daily, and arrangements are complete for carrying on a similar work throughout that part of Belgium occupied by the Germans.

THE BOMB CASE.

FULL COURT RULE OUT POINT OF LAW.

Seven Years for the Man Who Desired to Murder.

Sir William Rees Davies (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice Gompertz, sitting in Full Court this morning, heard the point of law reserved by Justice Gompertz at the Criminal Sessions, in the case in which a Chinese named Chan Hoi-ick was found guilty by the jury of being in unlawful possession of half a pound of dynamite and five detonators on November 7, under such circumstances as to give rise to reasonable suspicion that he did not have the explosives in his possession or under his control for a lawful purpose. It was then mentioned that prisoner admitted that he wanted to take the explosives to Macao with a view to having a bomb made, then taken to Canton and thrown at General Lung Chai-kwong.

The Hon. Attorney General (Mr. Kemp) instructed by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. P. M. Hodgson, prosecuted, and the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ (Mr. Gardiner's office) appeared for the defence.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock said he was appearing before their Lordships that morning on a point of law which was reserved at the hearing of this case by his Lordship the Puisne Judge at the trial of the prisoner which took place on Monday last. The charge was laid under section 5 of Ordinance 23 of 1913, and the important words of that section, from his point of view, were the first five lines down to the words "for a lawful object." His contention was that right down to those words, the whole burden of all the allegations, and the burden of proving all the necessary versions rested on the prosecution. That was to say, not only had he to prove possession of an explosive substance, but they had to go on and prove the possession not for a lawful object. Possession alone, under that section, of an explosive substance was not sufficient *per se*, but the prosecution had to go on and prove possession under such circumstances as to give rise to reasonable suspicion that the possession was not for a lawful object. This was one whole offence and they could not separate it into two; they could not make two offences of it; both the possession and the circumstances to give rise to reasonable suspicion had to be proved by the prosecution. That was his submission as to the clear meaning of the first five lines of the section.

The Chief Justice:—That is so, I should say.

Defending counsel said he had applied to the Puisne Judge for a special verdict by the jury, and the request was acceded to. He then went on to explain to the Chief Justice what transpired at the sessions hearing. There was no doubt, and it was not disputed, that the prisoner had the explosive substance in his possession, but it might be of some little importance to point out that the prisoner was about to proceed on the boat to Macao when he was arrested. He would draw attention to the statement which was made by the prisoner, because it was really on that statement, or on the strength of that statement, that this charge was laid, because when he asked the solicitor at the trial for particulars he said the particulars were to be found in the statement by the prisoner made in answer to the first charge.

The Puisne Judge:—The particulars are as in the statement.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock:—There was not, apart from that statement, evidence of an unlawful object. That was the case for the Crown.

The Attorney General:—The Crown Solicitor is not here at the present moment, my Lord, and I am not prepared to admit they were the only suspicious circumstances, but they are the only obvious ones.

The Chief Justice:—The point is not reserved on that; I understand the prisoner was convicted mainly on the face of his own

CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING COMPANY, LTD.

Extract from Directors' Report.

Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., local agents of the Kailan Mining Administration, advise that the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd., was to have been held in London on the 21st December, 1914, when the Directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1914, were to have been submitted.

The net result of the year's transactions shows a balance to the credit of Profit and Loss Account of \$152,268, made up as follows:—

Proportion of Kailan Mining Administration's Profits, less Sundry Expenses	\$169,360
Interest	4,384
Agency fees	4,000
Sundry Receipts	65
Balance brought forward	5,854
Total	\$183,603

Deduct: Expenses in Europe \$6,528; Directors' Fees 3,708; Income Tax 9,245; Preliminary Expenses 11,914; Total \$21,395.

Leaving a net balance of \$152,268, which the Directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:—Interim Dividend 5 per cent. paid 15th May 1914, absorbed \$50,000; Final Dividend 5 per cent. (making 10 per cent. for the year) 50,000; Balance carried forward 52,268.

\$152,268.

Callous Kaiser.

An interesting story has just been revived as showing the Teutonic indifference to carnage. Some years ago, when the Kaiser was present at our manoeuvres, he asked the War Minister—Mr. Brodrick, as he was then—why an English division consisted of only 20,000 men, adding that in Germany 25,000 was the number. "But why the extra 5,000?" asked Mr. Brodrick.

"Why?" echoed the Kaiser, speechless, with astonishment. "Why? To allow for the casualties. Every time we go into battle we expect to lose 5,000 men, out of every division."

This story is vouched for by a high War Office official who had it from Mr. Brodrick's own lips.

statement. The point we have to try is quite different from that.

Counsel:—I thought it might be difficult for my Lord to understand the full bearing of the jury's verdict without referring to it. Continuing, counsel said the prisoner was passing through Hongkong to Macao—it did not merely rest on his own *ipse dixit*—he stood on board the steamer for Macao when arrested. The question put to the jury was—when arrested in possession of this explosive substance—was he passing through the Colony with the object of looking for some person to take it to Canton, and asking some person to throw it at Lung Chai-kwong wherever he might be found. That was handed to the jury, and they answered the question in the affirmative.

The Puisne Judge:—That was drafted by me and left to the jury with consent of counsel.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock submitted that the Court had no jurisdiction to try such an offence, inasmuch as the material part of that offence was to be accomplished outside the jurisdiction of this Court.

The Puisne Judge:—That is another way of putting it. It is an offence.

Counsel:—It is not an offence triable by this Court.

Their Lordships did not call on the Hon. Attorney General for his reply, and held that the Court had jurisdiction.

The Puisne Judge then sentenced the prisoner to seven years, with hard labour.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by the correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph"]

A FILTHY HABIT.

(To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—Noticing your comments "For Police or Sanitary Board," I would like to call your attention to an incident that happened to me yesterday forenoon.

While riding in a ricksha along Des Voeux Road Central, some filthy creature expectorated from an upper verandah, just missing my hat and landing on the sleeve of my dress. The thoughts of it now almost upset me.

What with spitting from, and washing down dirty verandahs, it seems high time that some steps were taken by the authorities to eliminate these nuisances. Might I suggest a strongly worded notice in Chinese served to tenement-holders by the "Police or Sanitary Board," which?

Yours, etc.,
DISGUSTED.

Hongkong, Dec. 22, 1914.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS.

Striking Account of Growing Restiveness.

The Exchange Telegraph Company's special correspondent at Copenhagen, writing under date November 4, says that the Danish Labour Party's principal organ, *Social Demokraten*, has published a most remarkable article which it has received from a leading German Socialist, who brought it in safety across the frontier.

The article says: "The German Socialist paper *Vorwaerts* is allowed to be published only on condition that it does not incite to class war. This has given the German people something to think about."

"The enormous losses which the German army is now known to have sustained have made a deep impression. The labouring people went in to the war cheerfully, mainly because they thought it was against the autocratic rule of the Czar. They are now wondering at the constant and violent campaign which the Conservative Press is carrying on against England. These papers begin to hint that it might be possible to come to an understanding with the Czar, whereas the war against England must be fought to the bitter end."

"The question of the annexation of territory is also exciting considerable interest. Immediately after the first reports of German victories on the Western frontiers some people began to speak about the annexation of Belgium and part of the North of France. The *Social Demokraten* Press, however, at once reminded the public, with considerable emphasis, of the nation's right to self-determination."

"The Social Democratic party's opinion has been clearly expressed in a speech by Herr Eduard Bernstein, who points out the madness of wanting to 'annex a country like Belgium.'"

"We do not know for certain, the article proceeds, 'what the Imperial Chancellor thinks of the war position. He remains at headquarters; and, of course, takes good care that no remarks of his are reported in the public Press. But it is hardly venturing too much to take it for granted that he does not at all agree with the above-mentioned views regarding the annexation of land. It is a fact that behind the scenes a campaign had begun. Even his journey through Belgium was used against him.'"

"At present he is said to enjoy the confidence of the Emperor, who regards him as a frightened and trustworthy official. It is unlikely for several reasons that his adversaries should succeed in throwing him over during the war. They may, however, make him tired of his position or diminish his influence on the further conduct of affairs, but at present the negotiation for peace must be delayed to some future date."

EWO COTTON MILL.

The Annual Meeting at Shanghai.

The nineteenth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., was held last week at Shanghai at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., general managers.

The Chairman, in the course of his speech, said:—The profit for the year is Tls. 370,089.90 and including the amount brought forward there is a sum of Tls. 379,343.12 available for allocation. Last year the profit was Tls. 552,278.93—a record in the Company's history—and although this year we are unable to show so satisfactory a result, I think we have reason to congratulate ourselves on what has been achieved, having regard to the more or less generally adverse conditions of trade which, owing to one cause or another, were prevalent during the period of the year's working.

As has been intimated in the Report, it is proposed, subject to your approval, to pay a dividend of Tls. 12 per share on the ordinary shares, and I hope shareholders will be satisfied with that return. Last year a dividend of Tls. 15 was paid on the ordinary shares, but, as was indicated at the time, that year's working result was regarded as extraordinary and it was considered that the maintenance of profits at such a level could in no way be relied upon.

With regard to department of our properties, it is proposed to write Tls. 65,000 off plant and machinery and Tls. 18,000 off buildings, as against Tls. 60,000 and Tls. 12,000 respectively last year, the increased provision being due to extensions which have been made during the period we are dealing with.

At last year's annual meeting I dwelt somewhat fully on the question of depreciation, and I reiterate what I then said, which was, in effect, that no year should be allowed to pass without adequate provision in that respect and I trust you fully recognize the necessity for adherence to such policy. There are other small items of depreciation it is recommended be written off, but these do not call for special comment.

Now we come to the proposed bonus to staff of Tls. 4,500, which doubtless will meet with your approval, and I take this opportunity of saying that the staff deserve all due praise for the satisfactory manner in which they have carried out their work, and in this connection I would like to mention our mill superintendent—Mr. Kerfoot—who has unflinchingly and ungrudgingly laboured to further the interests of the Company.

Next there is the amount of Tls. 75,000 which it is proposed to transfer to reserve account. If you approve of this transfer, the reserve account, which you will recollect, was inaugurated a year ago, will then stand at Tls. 200,000, and with the Tls. 500,000 at credit of equalisation of dividends account, our total reserves will amount to seven lakhs.

On the occasion of our last annual meeting I drew the particular attention of shareholders to the desirability of adding to our reserves whenever working results permitted, and I now wish to emphasize the point. As I then said, we experience very keen competition, both locally and from Japan, which is more likely to increase than diminish as time goes on, and that being so you will readily understand the larger our reserves the better position we will be in to meet such competition.

During the working year our business has varied considerably as far as prices and demand are concerned, but on the whole the marketing of our goods has not been unsatisfactory. In this connection it may interest you to know that one of our standard qualities of yarn which in July last was selling at Tls. 100 per bale has now dropped to Tls. 81. It is true there has been a heavy fall in the price of cotton, but I may say that the margin of profit we are now making on our productions leaves much to be desired.

During the year we have worked full time and the off-take of China-yarn has been surprisingly

HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

Boxing Day Matches.

Two good Association matches have been arranged for Saturday next at Happy Valley. At 2.30 the St. Joseph's College team will oppose the Lam Long Wan King Club in a struggle for second division points and, judging from recent displays, spectators will probably be surprised at the degree of keenness and football ability shown.

At 4 o'clock the exhibition match, Army and Navy v. Rest of Hongkong, will come on. The following strong elevens have been selected and, with both sides anxious to come out on top, there should be little difference at the finish.

Teams:—Army and Navy Goal, Moore (R.G.A.); backs, Fennimore (Tamar) and McCubbin (R.G.A.); halves, Wilson (Triumph), Martin (Tamar) and Townsend (R.G.A.); forwards, Hopper (Tamar), Davies (Staff and Department), Mason (Tamar), Swan (H.G.A.) and Batterham (Rosario).

Rest of Hongkong.—Goal, Swan (Police); backs, J. Clark (Police) and McCubbin (H.K.F.O.); halves, Gardner (Police), Stewart (H.K.F.O.) and Long (H.K.F.O.); forwards, Grimmett (Police), Robinson (H.K.F.O.), Kelly (Police), Stalker (H.K.F.O.) and Pennell (H.K.F.O.).

The Hongkong team will play in white, both matches will be on the ground of the Hongkong R.O. and members of the Club will be admitted free to the stand on production of their membership cards for the current season only. Ladies will of course be admitted free.

Speaks Eighteen Languages.

It is stated, in the *Neue Freie Presse*, of Vienna, that one of the doctors working at a hospital attended patients speaking in all as many as 18 languages, and was able to make himself understood by all.—Exchange.

good. Indeed, consumption of China yarn has, as a whole, surpassed all records. We have also experienced an increasing demand for our cloths, and your Consulting Committee are seriously considering the advisability of installing more looms.

As regards China cotton, there has been a sufficient supply, but owing to its short staple, we have been obliged to import considerable quantities of American in order to meet our requirements. While on this subject I am pleased to be able to say that steps have been taken by the Cotton Anti-Adulteration Association to start an experimental cotton farm and it is hoped that this may lead to an improvement in cotton cultivation methods in this country.

The Cotton Anti-Adulteration Association deserves the thanks of all those interested in the cotton industry for their efforts and it is unfortunate that their decision to reduce the allowance for moisture was frustrated by the cotton sellers.

An Association of Spinners and Weavers has recently been formed to protect and further the interests of its members and it is to be hoped that beneficial results may be attained. During the summer months there was a shortage of labour and owing to the increasing number of spindles and looms in this district your general manager's view with much concern the possibility of a scarcity of mill hands at what may be no very distant date. As to the future, it is very difficult to make any reliable forecast. Cotton is now cheaper than it has been for many years, but on the other hand prices for all our products are very low, and, as I have already indicated, our margins of profit are greatly diminished.

The unsatisfactory state of currency in China continues to adversely affect trade, and until such time as reform is introduced business generally will be hampered, continue to suffer from that factor. Mr. Kinnear, who was a very useful member of the Consulting Committee for some years, resigned on leaving China and has been replaced by Mr. Mackie. Mr. Zou Sang-dan has also joined the Committee.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

For the Festive Season.

HAMS, GESE, DUCKS
AND OWN FED

TURKEYS, CAPONS & CHICKENS.

REGISTER YOUR ORDERS EARLY TO
AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

BAD COINS.

A Chinese who was Well Punished.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, a Chinese was charged with being in possession of 1,150 counterfeit Hongkong ten-cent pieces and 25 counterfeit Chinese twenty-cent pieces.

The defendant said he obtained the coins in Macao, but did not know they were bad.

Inspector Gerrard, who was in charge of the case, said the police had information a week ago that this man was passing false coin, and they had been looking for him since.

The Court shrewdly said that the imitation ten-cent pieces were very good, but the Chinese twenty-cent were of inferior make.

The prisoner was sentenced to four months' hard labour and four hours' stocks on the first charge and fined \$250, or two months' on the second, the sentences to run consecutively.

PAKHOI NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Pakhoi, Dec. 18, 1914.

Fatal Fight.
Last week at a German Mission station some 60 li from here, a regrettable incident occurred between some Christian (?) converts and soldiers. The former, it appears, were running a gambling house in the precincts of the Mission, when the latter raided it; in the fight which ensued, a convert was fatally shot, and two others seriously wounded.

Through representations that have been made to the authorities by the heads of the Mission, the soldiers have been disarmed.

Game for Hongkong.
There is abundance of game here this season, but it is difficult to get within range of the birds being so shy: the natives are, however, netting them in large numbers, and a syndicate is shipping them to Hongkong.

Mail Delays.
The delay in the transmission of the mails to this port is causing a great deal of discontent amongst both Europeans and natives. Mail matter is despatched from Hongkong via Haiphong to lie at the latter port until a stray steamer happens to clear for here. A package posted in Shanghai on October 25 was delivered here on December 5!

Lack of Shipping Facilities.
Since the *s.s. Hanoi* has been off the run, we have had to depend on one irregular steamer, which, given favourable conditions, can do the 400 miles between here and Hongkong in a little over three days; there is some talk of the merchants and shippers trying to induce a certain Company to put a regular boat on the run, but we are afraid it is too good to be true, though we hope for better times.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 25th and 26th instant.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1914.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
NOTICE is hereby given that all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 25th and 26th instant.

By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1914.

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
NOTICE is hereby given that all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 25th and 26th instant.

By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1914.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

From SAN FRANCISCO, JAPAN PORTS and MANILA.

S.S. "SIBERIA"

The above mentioned vessel having arrived consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their bills of lading for counter-signature and take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside. Cargo impeding discharge will be landed immediately at consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board Thursday, Dec. 24th, 1914, at noon will be subject to landing charges and if undelivered on December 29th, 1914, at noon will be subject to both landing and storage charges.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's godown on Dec. 30th, 1914, at 10 a.m.

No claims will be entertained unless accompanied by short delivery note or list of exceptions taken at the time of delivery to consignees and signed for and on behalf of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

All claims must be filed on or before January 22nd, 1915, otherwise they will not be recognized.

R. C. MORTON,
Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1914.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"BENLAVERS"

From LENTH, MIDDLEBRO, LONDON & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before the 5th prox. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th inst. at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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2 do	King George IV. Whisky	—	—	"
1 do	Sup. Fawny Port	—	—	"
2 do	St. Julien Claret	—	—	"
1 do	Old Brown Sherry	—	—	"
1 do	Old Tom Gin	—	—	"
1 phial	Pomeranzan Bitters	—	—	"
No. 2 HAMPER.				
1 bottle	Victor Oliequot Champagne	—	—	quart.
1 do	Martell's XXX Brandy	—	—	"
2 do	Perfection Whisky	—	—	"
2 do	Rich Old Port	—	—	"
2 do	St. Julien Claret	—	—	"
1 do	Vino de Pasto Sherry	—	—	"
1 do	Peppermint, G. F.	—	—	small.
1 do	D.O.M.	—	—	quart.
1 do	Old Tom Gin	—	—	"
1 phial	Pomeranzan Bitters	—	—	"
No. 3 HAMPER.				
1 bottle	Burgundy	—	—	quart.
1 do	Peppermint	—	—	small.
1 do	D.O.M.	—	—	"
2 do	Rich Old Port	—	—	quart.
2 do	Perfection Whisky	—	—	"
1 do	20 Years Old Brandy	—	—	"
1 do	Amontillado Sherry	—	—	"
2 do	Medoc Claret	—	—	"
1 do	Old Tom Gin	—	—	"
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2 bottles	Perfection Whisky	—	—	quart.
2 do	Medoc Claret	—	—	"
2 do	Port	—	—	"
1 do	R. Old Sherry	—	—	"
1 do	20 Years Old Brandy	—	—	"
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MARSEILLES AND LONDON, via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez & Port Said	SKitano Maru Capt. Cope T. 18,000 Fushimi Maru Capt. Irizawa T. 25,000	{WEDNES., 23rd Dec., at 10 a.m. {WEDNES., 30th Dec., at 10 a.m.
VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE via S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Yokkaichi, and Yokohama	SHidzuoka Maru Capt. Deguchi T. 12,500 Tamba Maru Capt. Nagasuye 12,500	{TUES., 29th Dec., at noon. {TUES., 12th Jan., at noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville and Brisbane	Nikko Maru Capt. R. Takeda T. 9,600 Hitachi Maru Capt. Sato T. 13,500	{WED., 13th Jan., at noon. {WEDNES., 10th Feb., at noon.
CALCUTTA via Spore, Penang & Rangoon	Tosa Maru Capt. Takano T. 12,000	{SATUR., 26th Dec., at noon.
BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo	Rangoon Maru Capt. Nomura T. 10,000	{SAT., 26th Dec., at noon.
KOBE	Jinsen Maru Capt. Terada T. 5,000	{THURSDAY, 13th Dec., at noon.
S'HAIR and Kobe ..	Hakata Maru Capt. Kawashima T. 1,250	{THURS., 11st Dec., at noon.
NAGASAKI, Kobe & Yokohama	Hitachi Maru Capt. Sato T. 13,500	{WEDNES., 13th Jan., at 5 p.m.
KOBE & Yokohama ..	Kamo Maru Capt. Shimizu T. 16,000	{FRIDAY, 1st Jan., at 11 a.m.

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Kamo	16,000 "	" 1st February
Kashima	20,000 "	" 25th February
Mishima	16,000 "	" 11th March
Suwa	25,000 "	" 25th March
Atsuta	16,000 "	" 8th April
Yasaka	25,000 "	" 22nd April
Miyasaki	16,000 "	" 6th May
Kitano	16,000 "	" 20th May
Fushima	25,000 "	" 3rd June

FOR AMERICA.

Steamers.	Displacement.	Leave Hongkong.
Aki Maru	12,500 tons	Tuesday 26th January
Sado	12,500 "	" 9th February
Yokohama	12,500 "	" 23rd February
Awa	12,500 "	" 9th March
Shidzuoka	12,500 "	" 23rd March
Tamba	12,500 "	" 6th April
Aki	12,500 "	" 20th April
Sado	12,500 "	" 4th May

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SHANGHAI	Shaohsing	6th Dec. at 4 light
SHANGHAI	Liangchow	27th Dec. at 4 light
H'HOW, PHOI & H'PHONG Huichow		21st Dec. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Kanchow	28th Dec. at 4 p.m.
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Tjikamang	JAVA	1st half Jan.	S'HAIR	1st half Jan.
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LOG BOOK.

China Coast Gazette.

Mr. W. W. Hipkin, supernumerary, Yuensang, has gone second officer, same ship.

Captain M. Picknell, from leave, has gone master, Waishing. Mr. W. Hetherington, acting master, Waishing, has gone chief officer, same ship.

Mr. J. Pettigrew, acting chief officer, Waishing, has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. H. W. Holmes, second officer, Waishing, has gone supernumerary second officer, same ship.

Captain T. M. Meyrick, from leave, has gone master, Yatsing. Mr. F. E. Jarrett, acting master, Yatsing, is awaiting orders.

Mr. J. E. McFadyen, third engineer, Maunsang, has gone third engineer, Yatsing. Mr. W. Neil, from leave, has gone third engineer, Maunsang.

Mr. W. Perrett has been appointed second officer, Taksang. Mr. F. W. Wilson, second officer, Taksang, has resigned.

Captain R. H. Rolfe, of the Onsang, has gone master, Yatsing. Captain G. T. Tough, of the Yatsing, has gone master, Onsang.

Mr. R. Piper, second officer, Linsang, has gone second officer, Maunsang. Mr. W. B. Forster, second officer, Maunsang, is on leave.

Mr. R. Davies, from leave, has gone supernumerary third engineer, Onsang.

Mr. A. Piper, supernumerary, Onsang, has gone third engineer, Fooshing. Mr. O. S. Gibb, third engineer, Fooshing, is awaiting orders.

Mr. H. W. Lookhead, awaiting orders, has gone third engineer, Loksang.

Mr. A. R. Shaw, second officer, Fooshing, has gone acting chief officer, Onsang. Mr. B. W. Bateman, chief officer, Onsang, is on leave.

Mr. P. Jowett has been appointed second officer, Onsang. Mr. A. T. Hall, 2nd officer, Onsang, is on leave.

Mr. C. T. Everingham, from leave, has gone second officer, Fooshing.

Mr. E. G. Foster, supernumerary, Kwongsang, has gone second officer, same ship. Mr. W. Wilson, second officer, Kwongsang, is on leave.

Mr. W. Thornton, second officer, Luchow, has gone second officer, Hangchow. Mr. D. L. Thomas, second officer, Hangchow, is on reserve.

Mr. J. E. Richards has been appointed second officer, Wenchow. Mr. W. Booth, second officer, Wenchow, has gone acting chief officer, same ship. Mr. J. Bignell, chief officer, Wenchow, is on reserve.

Mr. J. G. Smith, chief officer, Chusan, is on leave.

Mr. G. C. Thompson, second officer, Tamsui, has gone acting chief officer, Chusan.

Captain Darius of the Paoing, has gone master, Szechuen. Mr. F. M. Dillon, from reserve, has gone acting master, Paoing. Mr. R. J. Cain, acting master, Szechuen, is on reserve.

Mr. J. B. Barclay, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, Chusan. Mr. T. Simpson, chief engineer, Chusan, is on reserve.

Mr. H. Orangle, 2nd engineer, Kinling, is on leave.

Mr. B. Allan, 2nd engineer, on reserve, is on leave.

Mr. J. F. Timbrell, supernumerary, Hsin Peking, has gone acting second engineer, Kinling.

Mr. J. Cameron, supernumerary chief engineer, Chusan, has gone supernumerary, Hsin Peking.

Mr. T. Henderson, in transit, has gone chief engineer, Tamsui. Mr. A. O. Love, supernumerary second engineer, Ngankin, is transferred to Hongkong.

Mr. P. Bell, second engineer, Hsuan, is on leave.

Mr. J. Onnning, third engineer, Yingchow, has gone acting second engineer, Hsuan.

Mr. J. Anderson, supernumerary, Hsin Peking, has gone third engineer, Yingchow. — Shipping and Engineering.

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HAIPHONG	Taksang	Thur., 24th Dec. at d'light
S'PORE, Pang & O'outta	Yatsing	Thur., 24th Dec. at noon
S'PORE, Pang & O'outta	Fooshing	Thur., 24th Dec. at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Yuensang	Mon., 28th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Choyang	Tues., 29th Dec. at d'light
MANILA	Loongsang	Sat., 2nd Jan. at 3 p.m.
Kobe	Fausang	Sun., 3rd Jan. at d'light
S'PORE, Pang & O'outta	Namsang	Tue., 5th Jan. at 3 p.m.

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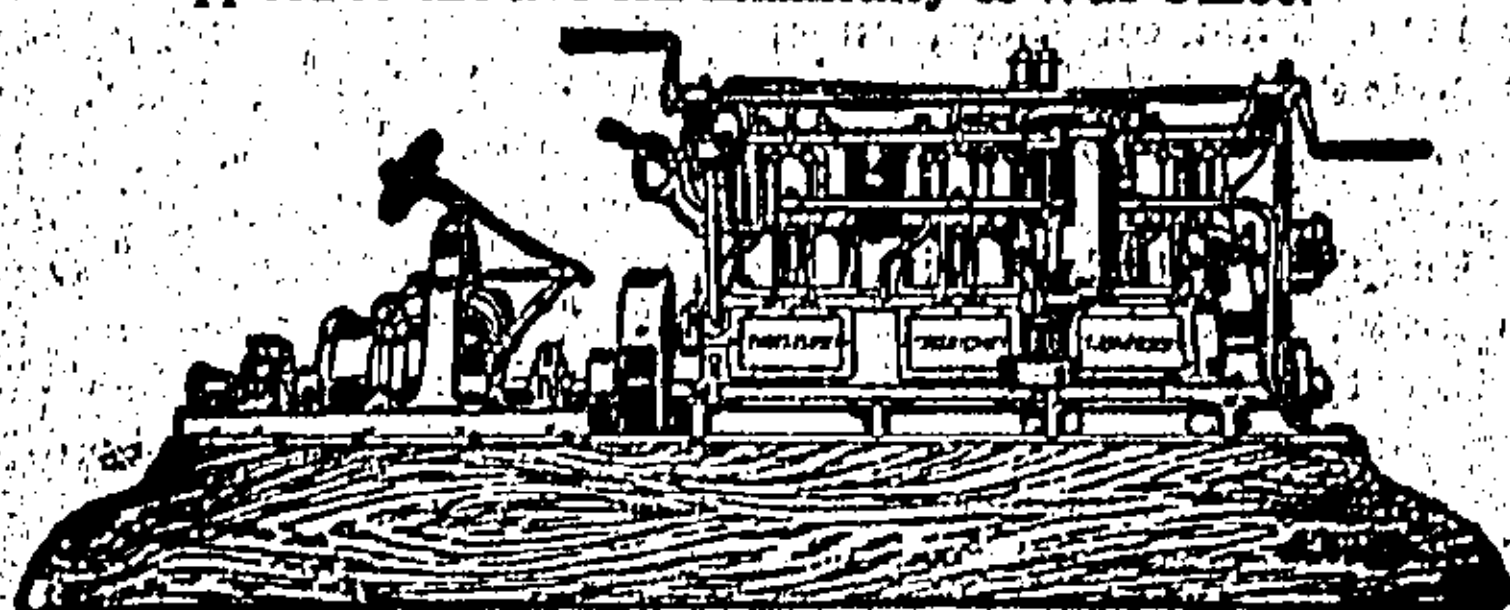
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HONGKONG TELEGRAPH. EXTRA

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1914.

A TEST CASE.

Chair Coolies Charged with Soliciting.

At the Police Court, this afternoon, before Mr. J. R. Wood, two chair coolies were charged with soliciting.

Inspector Garrard, in his evidence, said the defendants called out from their stand to people on the footpath.

His Worship intimated that he did not think that an offence; and Mr. Hodgson (Crown Solicitor) was sent for to argue the point.

Mr. Hodgson said he understood that his Worship asked him to argue the point as to whether such a state of facts as that, under the regulations, was soliciting, under section 99. He would ask his Worship whether, if they left the stand, he would still require him to argue the point.

His Worship:—If they left the stand and caused an obstruction, no.

Mr. Hodgson:—If they left the stand and followed anybody?

His Worship:—That is a case of obstruction or making a noise in the street.

Mr. Hodgson said they had other Ordinances dealing with noises in the street. He asked his Worship, in listening to his arguments, not to imagine he was arguing this case on the ground of noise in the streets, but on the words of the section, soliciting. He imagined from the evidence read to him, calling out to people on the side walk, people who could call chairs and who were entitled to take them if they wanted them, was soliciting that particular person to take a chair; not merely making a noise for no reason at all, but actually calling upon a person to take a chair who could do so if he hailed it.

Was soliciting a man making a noise? That was the way he wanted his Worship to look at it, not merely was a chair coolie making a wanton noise for no reason at all. That point he might say was from the police point, from the Crown point and the public point, an exceedingly important one.

His Worship:—An exceedingly important point, that it should be dealt with, not that it is an offence under this section.

Mr. Hodgson:—Yes, the point is, is it dealt with under this section?

His Worship:—Yes. Mr. Hodgson said his submission was that it was clearly dealt with. He did not argue it for the sake of argument. He had gone thoroughly into the matter. The section said that a driver "shall not persistently solicit passengers or obstruct from transit the passengers in any way." The section had to be split up into two offences.

His Worship said that that was the whole difficulty. Mr. Hodgson said that without going into the reasons of his Worship had to take the intention, the whole intention, of the regulations. If it was meant that there had to be obstruction as well, there was no need whatever or no object in putting the word "passengers" in after the word "soliciting" at all. The word "passengers" being in there clearly showed what the actual intention of the section was. It was not that they should not persistently solicit or obstruct the through transit of passengers. That was an exceedingly important point, and to have the meaning that they had to have obstruction as well, after the word "passengers" there had to be the word "and" instead of "or" after the word "passengers." Then under section 70 they found that "no unauthorized person shall without the permission of the driver, ride in

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Company Orders issued to-day by Lieut-Col. A. Chapman, V. D.

Weekly Reports.—O.C.s. are requested to send their weekly state to the Orderly Room not later than noon to-morrow, 24th instant.

Parades.—There will be no parades on 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th instant. Parades for Monday, 28th instant:—5.00 p.m., Musketry Instruction on Kennedy Road Range for the following Recruits:—Left Section M.G. Co., Ptes. J. B. Maughan and F. G. Thompson. Civil Service Co., Ptes. Anderson, Keyser, D. O. Macdonald and F. W. Wood. Scouts Company, Ptes. P. S. Dixon, F. Smyth, Jasper Clarke, W. G. Dave, N. L. Dennis and R. G. Stewart. Sargt. Major Colley, D.C.L.L., will attend, 5.10 p.m., Centre Section M. G. Co. at Kowloon Docks. Launch leaves Statue Pier at 4.30 p.m. 5.15 p.m., Nos. 1 and 2 Sections Artillery and Left Section M. G. Co. 10 p.m. drill at Headquarters. Remainder, Musketry and Bayonet exercises under Company Officers.

Detail:—Orderly Officer to-day and on 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th instant, Lieut. Weall; on 28th instant, Lieut. Danby. Orderly Sergeant to-day and on 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th, Sargt. Murdoch; on 28th instant, Corpl. N. B. Reed. To furnish Guard to-night, Civil Service Co.; to-morrow, No. 1 Section Artillery; 25th inst., Right Section M. G. Co.; 26th inst., Scouts Company; 27th inst., Scouts Company; 28th inst., Scouts Company.

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY.

This afternoon, at the Police Court, before Mr. F. A. Hazeldan, six Chinese were charged with armed robbery at No. 5, Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, on December 5.

Inspector Garrard appeared to prosecute, Mr. P. W. Goldring defended the first three prisoners, and Mr. Preston, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, the last three.

The allegation was that, at about dusk, five or six men, armed with revolvers, entered No. 5, Shanghai Street, ground floor, occupied by a rent collector. They bound the occupants, six in number, cut the telephone wire and ransacked the premises. They stole over \$100 in money, and jewellery and clothing.

On the following day, five men were arrested and identified by certain of the complainants. The sixth defendant was arrested later. It was alleged that he displayed his wealth in a brothel, where a girl relieved him of \$400 odd.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

or upon any portion of any motor car or heavy motor car, or catch hold of or touch any such car." That was an offence but if his Worship was going to hold that there had to be obstruction, then there was no offence until the person actually caused obstruction. That was clearly not the intention of the section.

His Worship reserved his decision, observing that the point was more a matter of getting a ruling than the fate of the two coolies. He was thankful for the argument put forward by the Crown, but he thought that should he accept the Crown's interpretation some notice should be given the men before any further proceedings were taken by the police.

With this Mr. Hodgson agreed, and the case was adjourned sine die.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

CHATTER ON TURF MATTERS, CRICKET, SCULLING AND BOXING.

(From our Special Correspondents.)

London, Nov. 20.

Wonderful to relate, racing still goes on. So also does the Great War. But racing is a much of an industry and a means of providing employment as any other national institution. So, therefore, it goes on. The element of sport is practically eliminated, and similarly you do not find those engaging in it who are eligible to bear arms for King and Country. Racing in the fall of 1914 is but a perfunctory business in every sense of the word.

On the third day of the Liverpool meeting Mr. George Edwards's three-year-old, Flying Orb, won the Stewards' Handicap of 5 furlongs. He is only a three-year-old and he carried the big weight for a horse of his age of 8.13. He is the horse too that won the Portland Plate at Doncaster, and in winning now at Liverpool he gave 14lb. to Trinity Square, and beat Horat's Beauty, who was conceding 5lb., out of eight. Undoubtedly Flying Orb is a great sprinter; indeed he may be the greatest there has been on the English Turf for three years. He might even be better than he is now but for having been trained for the Derby. That was an ordeal which, as his trainer, P. Hartigan, tells me, tried him very much, because the horse could never stay and the preparation took the heart and constitution out of him. Thus it is reasonable to assume that Flying Orb will next year be a relatively better horse than he is now.

Orby's success at the stud naturally brings to mind the fact that his son, Diadumenos, who is owned by Lord d'Abernon (until lately Sir Edgar Vincent) won the Liverpool Cup last Friday. Diadumenos is also a big chestnut horse, but both the Hon. George Lambton and the Australian E. de Mestre, who have trained him, have given him a reputation for shiftness. It has always been urged against him that he would never race away from an opponent though it was easily within his capabilities to do so. His failure to win the Cambridge-shire has been ascribed to this disinclination. He had to be driven all out to win by a head from Wrack, who as a five-year-old was conceding him 6 lb. William's Pride was third; and behind were Drimmore and China Cock, the latter of whom had won the last three Liverpool Cups.

On the fourth and closing day of the meeting the Grosvenor Cup of a mile and a quarter was won by an outsider in Mr. Larnach's Prince. It was Mr. Larnach who won the Derby of 1898 with the 100 to 1 chance Jeddah. Prince, however, is by Lord Derby's horse Chaucer. For this race the favourite was Mr. Buchanan's Draughtsman who, however, ran badly.

Cricket Prospects.

It has been evident for some time that the chance of County Cricket being played next summer was very small. Officially the edict was that everything would depend on the progress of the war. It is usual for the County fixtures to be arranged about this time of the year, but so hopeless is the outlook that the meetings of secretaries and captains have been indefinitely postponed. This is almost tantamount to a decision

abandoning the Championship next summer, for as things are at the present time none of the counties could raise a team, many of the professionals, as well as practically all the amateurs, having enlisted either for active service or for home defence. Most of the grounds are being used for the training and drilling of recruits, and they will be needed for this purpose one fears for a considerable time. At Lord's accommodation has been found for the "Blues" and the artists' corps, both of whom are now at the front, and the headquarters of English cricket are now in the hands of the Army Service Corps. In addition to the £1,000 subscribed to the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund, the M.C.C. have contributed over £800 to other funds.

Sculling.

The retirement of H. Arnet, the New Zealand professional sculler and all-round athlete, comes as a surprise and a disappointment. Rowing men were looking forward to another visit from him, and perhaps a third Championship ship with Barry. People over here were very fond of Arnet. He was so thorough in his methods, so modest and so quiet, that he seemed to us the very type of the best sportsmanship from Overseas. James Paddon, the big Australian, expressed the opinion, after his match last September with Barry, that the latter was well nigh invincible on the Thames. For the present this is our confident view in England, but nevertheless another match between Arnet and the champion would have been very interesting, and assuredly no walk-over. Arnet having retired, the view over here is that Paddon would prove the best of all the aspirants to the Australian Sculling Championship, unless there are some particularly fine dark horses down under. Barry beat Paddon quite conclusively on the Thames, but it was a fine race all the same, and there was no mistaking Paddon's power, pace and style.

A Wonderful Boxer.

There have been few more interesting boxing contests than that decided at the National Sporting Club this week between Jimmy Wilde of Tylerstown, South Wales, and Symonds of Plymouth. They met for the right to challenge Tancy Lee for the Flyweight Championship of the British Isles. At the end of fifteen rounds, Wilde was given the verdict on points, and he had so much the better of the contest, winning practically every round, that no other result was possible. Wilde is a truly wonderful boxer. He is known as the "Mighty Atom," the "Midget Marvel," and other highly descriptive titles telling of his extraordinary boxing talents. Four years ago he was collier in a Welsh mine; in the meantime he has taken part in 17 contests, winning all with the exception of a draw, and this total contains the astonishing number of 52 knockouts. This is the Welsh view of Wilde, and it cannot be said to be exaggerated though highly coloured. "There is just 8 stone 10 lb. of bony frame with pale skin and frail looking legs, but to see him knock burly 9 stone lads to sleep is a wonder, and the

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council is to be held to-morrow. The only business of interest is the following resolution, to be moved by the Hon. Colonial Secretary:—

"It is hereby resolved that a sum of Dollars Three hundred and forty-eight thousand eight hundred and sixty-six and Cents ninety-three (\$348,866.93) be advanced out of funds in the custody of the Government for the construction of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section) during the year 1914.

CRICKET.

The Officers of the United Services will be "At Home" to their friends on the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground on Boxing Day. The band of the 74th Panjabia will play during the afternoon and the fife and drums of the 28th Panjabia will play tattoo.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The T. K. K. s.s. OHIO MARU which sailed from San Francisco on 28th Nov. is expected to arrive at this port via Honolulu, Japan, Formosa & Shanghai on Friday the 25th instant, at daylight.

Nothing Doing—Yet.

The Trans-Pacific steamship lines are making special efforts to attract to the Orient a part of the vast army of Americans who annually visit Europe, but are unable to do so this year because of the war.

Booking Arrangements.

As Mouette's will be closed on Boxing Day, in order to meet the great demand for seats, the Hongkong Hotel have kindly undertaken to receive applications that day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the A.D.C.'s forthcoming Fairy Ball to be given on Saturday, January 2nd, and Wednesday, January 6th, (matinee) in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund.

A German Spy—Question of Citizenship.

New York, Nov. 18.—The officials of the records office in the Department of Health here are unable to produce any record showing the birth of Joseph Ullmann who, it is understood, has been sentenced to death in Britain on a charge of being a German spy. The State Department was informed of the case, but enquiries so far have not proved Ullmann's claim to American citizenship.

record of victories alone justifies the title of Terror. But his punching power must be seen to be believed, while his speed and judgment of distance are a revelation. There is nothing pretty or graceful in his footwork. He walks into an adversary with a bear-like gait and relies solely on the duck of his head to defeat a straight left. Wilde's trouble has been that he could not find opponents worthy of him approaching his weight. Against Symonds he was more than a stone the lighter man, but there was never any suggestion in his box that this was a handicap. He stood up to his big opponent with manly courage, boxed with delightful speed, and judgment and as early as the fourth round was began to wonder if he would end the contest with a knock-out. Symonds was a worthy opponent, but he had not the speed of Wilde and therefore could not make the most of his great striking power. Wilde will now meet Lee, the Scotman, who got the honour of the defeat of Percy Jones, who could not get down to the weight for the Championship.

WAR NEWS FROM FRENCH SOURCES.

"Hongkong Telegraph" Translation from the "Courrier d'Haiphong."

The following are extracts from diaries found on German wounded and prisoners:—

A doctor writes:—Sept. 9.—Terribly hungry; not a scrap of bread for 8 days.

An officer of the Brunswick Regiment writes, on September 17, in the neighbourhood of Espervasse:—For the last five days we have fed ourselves with stolen beetroots and sugar; not a morsel of bread; the losses are enormous. All the officers of my company have fallen, and it is reduced from 250 to 60.

A soldier of the 10th Corps writes:—Bread only once in eight days; impossible to wash or to sleep; it will be a miracle if we see Germany again. The company is reduced from 250 to 50.

A reservist writes:—September 17.—Big battle; hail of shells; nothing to eat for three days; no bread; enormous losses.

A Berlin soldier writes:—Bread three times in five weeks. This afternoon, boiled potatoes. What a feast! And a straw bed! Let us hope this misery is soon going to end.

The Legion of Honour.

President Poincare has ordered that all Germans shall be struck off the roll of the Legion of Honour.

The Naval Action in the Falklands.

According to information received at New York from Buenos Aires, but unconfirmed, the victorious British squadron comprised the Shannon, the Achilles, the Cochrane and the Natal.

Zeppelin Workshops Destroyed.

It was learned in Paris at the end of November that the raid made by three British aviators on the German airship workshops at Friedrichshafen was completely successful. The tools and machines for the repair of Zeppelins are said to have been entirely destroyed.

Turkish Losses in the Caucasus.

Some of the Turkish regiments fighting in the Caucasus have lost half of their effective strength. They all suffered enormous losses—to such an extent that the Turkish army in the Caucasus has had to be entirely reorganised.

Military Preparations in Italy.

According to a telegram from Washington, military preparations in Italy continue actively. The Italian Government has bought a large quantity of wheat in Buenos Aires.

Austrian Losses.

A Petrograd telegram states that up to the middle of November the Austrian losses on the Serbian front numbered 3,128 officers and 154,470 men, in Galicia 16,500 officers and 737,150 men, in Hungary 77 officers and 1,075 men; a total of 900,000 in three months.

Dutch Steamers Arrested by Turks.

Athens.—The Turkish naval authorities have arrested two Dutch steamers and have hoisted the Turkish flag on them, under the pretext that the vessels were carrying goods belonging to belligerents.

Von der Helitz in Egypt.

Von der Helitz has left Turkey for Egypt, to take charge of the operations there.

Russian Volunteers.

According to information received from Russia, the Muscovite empire is in such a state of excitement that those who know the Slav temperament say that the war has taken on the character of a crusade, particularly since the Czar has placed himself at the head of his armies. Russia resembles an immense wave, which breaks the dykes and submerges everything it meets. A Petrograd telegram says that 5,000,000

GERMAN HATRED OF ENGLAND.

Amsterdam, Nov. 8.

The intense animosity displayed in the German Press and by German writers towards Great Britain, and the passionate hatred for this country to which many public writers give vent, deserve to be studied in England. An article by Werner Sombart which has appeared in the *Berliner Tageblatt* is a fair example of what is being said and thought in Germany at the present time.

The writer, discussing Germany's enemies, says that the small nations may be put on one side. In his personal opinion the "Kingdom of Montenegro" is nothing but a bad joke in the history of the world. In Belgium he sees a miscarriage of policy and the Belgian nationality makes him laugh. He is sorry for them. Serbians and Japanese give him a feeling of aversion. The Japs, whose acquaintance he made in his capacity of professor, he does not recognise as human beings. One does not hate them, as one does not hate the dog which goes for us in the streets.

But with the French, English, and Russians things are different. Against the French population he says there is less aversion or hatred. On the whole, "we have nothing against the French, but they have much against us. They are chivalrous adversaries, who are our equals in their passion of battle. They are dying for their Fatherland, and his main reason for their fighting is an ideal. With the heroic French people we feel a kind of pity as with a mortally wounded deer."

Also towards the Russians, says Herr Sombart, there is no real hatred. But with the English it is different. He says:

"I am quite sure that the whole German people, from the last taxi-driver to the highest official, are at one in their flaming hatred towards the English. In England we feel our enemy. We are waging the war against England. We shall not consider the war terminated till England lies at our feet crashed and humbled in her innermost consciousness."

"I believe that if England were granted an honourable peace even the quiet German people would be driven into revolution. I have never seen in the Germans so much passionate feeling as at present if the word 'England' is uttered."

As reasons for this hatred the writer cites:

"The treason of our cousins against us, the instinctive tendency of British policy to lying, the ostentatious say-nothing manner and boastfulness of the British Press; the open display of contempt for the 'poor relation'."

All these reasons, however, the writer describes as of secondary importance. He continues:

"The main reason is that the spontaneous and elementary hatred towards England is rooted in the deepest depths of our own being, there where considerations of reason do not count; where the 'irrational,' the instinct, alone dominates. We hate in the English the hostile principle of our innermost and highest nature. And it is well that we are fully aware of this, because we touch with this the vital meaning of this war."

men have volunteered for the front. General Soukhomlinoff has said that, 'if the armament works could not furnish arms to all the Russians, the others would only have to go and take some from the Germans and Austrians, and then there would be glory for everybody.'

PUBLIC AUCTION.

G. R. PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 28th day of December, 1914, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of the right to quarry Stone on the following Lots of Crown Land around Kowloon Bay, in the New Territories, and elsewhere in the Colony of Hongkong, for a period extending from the 1st day of January up to and including the 31st day of December, 1915.

No. of Sale and Registry No.	Locality	Approximate Contents in Cubic Yards	Usual Annual Rent
Ma Tau Kok	Hok Un	8,44	\$1,500
Ma Tau Kok	Do	6,70	500
Ma Ti	Do	4,60	1,400
Jordan Road, Kowloon	Do	1,94	530
Yauwail	Do	2,98	1,370
Nau Tau Kok	Do	8,00	950
Sai Tau Wan	Do	10,51	1,050
Ngau Shi Wan	Do	10,30	4,000
Tai Tau Mei	Do	11,01	770

NOTICES

A GARDEN FETE organized by the STUDENTS' UNION will be held in the Grounds of the University on SATURDAY, January 30th from 3-7 p.m.

Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady May.

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OFFICIAL MARKET PRICES

Hongkong, December 4, 1914.

BUTCHER MEAT.

Beef Sirloin & Prime Cut, — Mei Lung Pa	lb.	21
" Corned, — Ham Ngau Yuk	"	21
" Roast, — Shiu	"	21
" Breast, — Ngau Lam	"	19
" Soup, — Tong Yuk	"	16
" Steak, — Ngau Yuk Pa	"	22
" do., — Sirloin, — Ngau Lau	"	33
" Sausages, — Ngau Cheung	"	26
Bullock's Brains, — No	per set	12
" Tongue, fresh, — Ngau Li	each	50
" corned, — Ham Ngau Li	"	60
" Head, — Ngau Tai	"	\$1.20
" Heart, — Ngau Sam	lb.	14
" Hump, Salt, — Ngau Kin	"	22
" Feet, — Ngau Keuk	each	12
" Kidneys, — Ngau Yiu	"	12
" Tail, — Ngau Mei	"	20
" Liver, — Ngau Kon	lb.	13
" Tripe (undressed), — Ngau To	"	6
Calves' Head & Feet, — Ngau-tai-tau-keuk	set	\$1.20
Mutton Chop, — Yeung Pei Kwat	lb.	26
" Leg, — Yeung Pei	"	26
" Shoulder, — Yeung Shau	"	24
" Saddle, —	"	27
Pigs Chittlings, — Chu Chong	"	27
" Brains, — Chu No	per set	24
" Feet, — Chu Keuk	lb.	14
" Fry, — Chu Chap	"	16
" Head, — Chu Tai	"	16
" Heart, — Chu Sam	each	12
" Kidneys, — Chu Yiu	"	18
" Liver, — Chu Kon	lb.	30
Pork, Chop, — Chu Pak Kwat	"	26
" Corned, — Ham Chu Yuk	"	26
" Leg, — Chu Pei	"	30
" Fat or Lard, — Chu Yau	"	20
Sheep's Head and Feet, — Yeung Tau Keuk	set	60
" Heart, — Yeung Sam	each	8
" Kidneys, — Yeung Yiu	"	12
" Liver, — Yeung Kon	lb.	27
Sucking Pigs, to order, — Chu Tai	"	22
Suet, Beef, — Shang Ngau Yau	"	22
" Mutton, — Shang Yeung Yau	"	27
" Veal, — Ngau Tai Yuk	"	19
" Sausages, — Ngau Tai Cheung	"	20
Lard, — Chu Yau	"	22

POULTRY.

Chicken, — Kai Tsi	lb.	30
Capon, Large, Small, — Sin Kai	"	30
Ducks, — Ap	"	24
Doves, — Pan Kau	"	18
Eggs, Hen, — Kai Tan (cooking)	per doz	24
Fowls, Canton, — Kai	lb.	34
" Hainan, — Hoi Nam Kai	"	28
" Goose, — Ngo	"	24
Pigeons, Canton, — Pak Kap	each	30
" Hoihow, — Hoi How Pak Kap,	"	25
Snipe, — Sha Tsi	each	23
Turkeys, Cook, — Fo Kai Kung	lb.	65
" Hen, — Na	"	45

FISH.

Barbel, — Ka Yu	lb.	18
Bream, — Pin Yu	"	18
Canton Fresh Water Fish, — Hoi Sin Yu	"	17
Carp, — Li Yu	"	22
Catfish, — Ohik Yu	"	15
Codfish, — Mun Yu	"	16
Crabs, — Hai	"	24
Cuttle Fish, — Mak Yu	"	18
" Dab, — Sha Mang Yu	"	14
" Dace, — Wong Mei Lap	"	15
" Dog Fish, — Tit To Sha	"	12
" Eels, — Onger, — Hoi Man	"	13
" Fresh water, — Tam Sui Yu	"	20
" Frog, — Tin Kai	"	32
" Garoupa, — Shek Pan	"	45
" Gudgeon, — Pak Kap Yu	"	18
" Herrings, — Tso Pak	"	23
" Halibut, — Cheung Kwan Kap	"	28
" Labrus, — Wong Fa Yu	"	20
" Loach, — Wu Yu	"	26
" Lobsters, — Lung Ha	"	20
" Mackerel, — Chi Yu	"	20
" Monk Fish, — Mong Yu	"	32
" Millet, — Chai Yu	"	20
" Oysters, — Shang Ho	"	24
" Parrot Fish, — Kai Kung Yu	"	12
" Paroh, — Tau Lo	"	24
" Pike, — Fa Pau Fong	"	18
" Plaice, — Pan Yu	"	14
" Pomfret, Black, — Hak Chong	"	28
" Pomfret, White, — Pak Chong	"	32
" Prawns, — Ming Ha	"	40
" Ray, — Pai Pa Sha	"	12
" Rock Fish, — Shak Ksu Kung	"	18
" Roach, — Chun Yu	"	12
" Salmon, — Ma Yau	"	35
" Shark, — Sha Yu	"	8
" Skate, — Po Yu	"	10
" Shrimps, — Ha	"	24
" Snapper, — Lap Yu	"	32
" Sole, — Fat Sha Yu	"	32
" Trench, — Wan Yu	"	20
" Turbot, — Oh "How Yu	"	20
" Turtles, small, fresh water, — Keuk Yu	"	24

FRUITS.

Almonds, — Bang Yan	lb.	35
Apples (California), — Kam Shan Ping Khe	"	18
" (Ohio), — Tin Chun Ping Khe	"	18
" Small, — Hoi Tong	"	18
Bananas, — Canton, — San Shing Heung Chiu	lb.	18
" (bridges), — Macao, — San Heung Chiu	"	18
Chestnuts, Chinese, — Fong Lut	"	18

肉食

Carambola, — Yeung To	10
Coconuts, — Ye Tse	12
Grapes, — Pa Tai Tse	10
Lemons, China, — Ling Mung	8
" America, — Kam Shan Ling Mung	10
Lichees Dried, — Lai Chi, small Stone	30
" Fresh, —	30
Oranges, (Canton), — Shan-shang Tim Ching	10
" Sweet, —	10
Pears, (American), — Kam San Shoot Lay	10
" (Canton), — Cookin, — Sha Li	10
Peanuts, — Fa Shang	10
Perseimons Large, — Hung Tse	10
Pine-apples, 1st quality, — Pun Ti Po Lo	8
" 2nd, — Chung-tang Po Lo	10
Plantain, — Tai Chiu	10
Plums, — Swatow, Hung Lai	10
Pumelo, Siam, — Chiu Lo Yan	15
" Shanghai, — Lo Kwat	15
Walnuts, — Hop To	15
" Green, — Sang Hop Tuo	15
Water Melon, — (Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa	10

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai, — Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	10
" Cheuk, —	10
Beans, (French), Macao, — Oh Mou Fin Tau	10
" (French) Shanghai, — Sheung Hai Pin	10
" Sprout, — Ah Choi	10
" Long, — Tau Kok	10
Beet Root, — Hung Chai Tau	10
Bitter Squash, — Fa Kwa	10
Brinjals, Green, — Ching Yuan Kwa	10
" Red, — Hung Ko	10
Cabbage, Chinese, (common), — Kai Tsoi	10
Cabbage, Shanghai, — Ye Tsoi	10
Cane Shoots, bunch, — Kau Shun	10
Carrots, — Kam Shun	10
Celery, Chinese, — Tong Kan Tsoi	10
Chillies Dried, — Kon Lap Chiu	10
" Red, — Hung Fa Chiu	10
" Green, — Ching Lap Chiu	10
Curry Stuff, English, — Ka Li Chiu Liu	10
Cucumbers, — Ching Kwa	10
Garlic, — Sun Tau	10
Ginger, young, — Sun Tse Kung	10
" old, — Lo Keung	10
Horse Radish, Shanghai, — Lik Kan	10
Indian Corn, — Suk Mai	10
Lettuce, — Yeung Shang Tsoi	10
Water Chestnuts, — Ma Tai	10
" Mandarin, — Kwai Lasi Ma Tai	10
Mushrooms, Fresh, — Shang Chio Ko	10
Musk Melon, Amer., — Kam-san Hong Kwa	10
Okroes, —	10
Onions Bombay, — Yeung Chong Tau	10
" Green, — Shang Chong	10
" Shanghai, — Sheung-hoi Chong Tau	10
Paraley, — Kun Tsoi	10
Green Peas, — Ching Tau	10
Potatoes, Sweet, — Fan Sha	10
" Shanghai, — Sheung-hoi Shu Tse	10
" Japan, — Yut Fan Shu Tse	10
" American, — Fa Ki Shu Tse	10
" Foochow, — Foo-chow Shu Tse	10
Pumpkin, — Tong Kwa	10
Radish, — Hung Lo Pak Tse	10
Rhubarb (Fresh), — Tai Wong	10
Sage, — Tse So	10
Shallots, — Kon Chong Tau	10
Spinach, — Yin Tsoi	10
Tomatoes, — Fan Ke	10
Taro, — Wu Tau	10
Turnips, Panti, (Long), — Lo Pak	10
" English, — Yeung Lo Pak	10
Vegetable Marrow, — Chit Kwa	10
" (American), — Kwan-jit Kwa	10
Water Cross, — Sai Yeung Tsoi	10
" Lily root, — Lin Ngau	10
Yams, — To Shu	10
" English, — Yeung Kan Choi	10

The above prices are in accordance with the Government list of maximum charges fixed by Proclamation as revised up to the 30th ult. The Proclamation also contained the following schedule of maximum retail prices:

1. Flour:—	
(a.) Highest Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,	\$4.50
per lb.,	10
(b.) Second Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,	4.00
per lb.,	08
(c.) Third Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,	3.50
per lb.,	07
2. Tinned Milk:—	
(a.) Sweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin,	30
(b.) Unsweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin,	25
(c.) Sterilized Milk, per tin, (18 oz.),	25
(d.) Sterilized Milk, per 1 litre tin,	35
(e.) Eagle Brand, per 1 lb. tin,	33
(f.) Skimmed Milk, per 1 lb. tin,	20
3. Sugar:—	
Cane, (in 6 lb. tins), per tin,	1.00
Refined Crystallized, per lb.,	12
Granulated, per lb.,	12
Soft, No. 1 quality, per lb.,	11
No. 2, " " " "	10
4. Frozen Meat:—	
Cooking Salt, 2 cents per lb.	

The Dairy Farm prices for frozen food and other stores published on 1st September, 1914, with all changes in prices shown in red ink, are the maximum retail prices for the articles enumerated in the price list of that date. [Approved copies signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Food Committee can be seen either at the Treasury or on the premises of the Dairy Farm Company in Wyndham Street.]

5. Market Produce:—(See above)

6. The prices of provisions imported from countries other than China (excepting those above enumerated) may not be raised more than 15 per cent. above the retail prices prevailing in the Colony on the 26th July, 1914.

Note.—In consideration of the loss sustained by discount on subsidiary coupons, payment for all articles of food not exceeding 10 in value (excepting the articles enumerated in clause 5 in Proclamation No. 18 of the 20th October, 1914, and in the above Schedule) shall if made in subsidiary coin be subject to an additional charge of 15 per cent.

菓子

杏仁	10
花生	10
核桃	10
栗子	10
苹果	10
梨	10
葡萄	10
香蕉	10
菠萝	10
橙子	10
柚子	10
蜜橘	10
枇杷	10
杨梅	10
荔枝	10
龙眼	10
桂圆	10
橄榄	10
椰子	10
槟榔	10
芝麻	10
花生油	10
菜油	10
猪油	10
牛油	10
羊油	10
鸡油	10
鸭油	10
鱼油	10
猪脑	10
牛脑	10
羊脑	10</

FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.

ROUND THE SHOPS.

THE CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS DESCRIBED.

WHAT OUR ADVERTISERS HAVE TO OFFER THE PUBLIC.

All Hongkong's shops have now assumed a Christmas aspect, and one cannot take a stroll through the streets of the Colony without being conscious of the seasonable atmosphere which has everywhere been produced. The results attained are a credit to the firms who do business in our midst. The notes which follow give, in a compact form, some useful hints to residents who have Christmas shopping to do, and indicate the leading lines which *Telegraph* advertisers have to offer.

Messrs. Ullmann and Co.
Those who have had the opportunity of examining the photographs which were taken by Mee Cheung in connection with the prize group contest which he organised, the subjects being the families of local military men, will not hesitate, after the wonderful demonstration of his ability as a photographer, to favour him with their Christmas orders. He has a very fine supply of cameras and the incidentals to photography to select from, in the event of presents in this line being desired. Local views are kept in stock, and anything worth photographing locally is invariably taken by Mee Cheung, so one knows that if there is any event of which a permanent record is wanted, Mee Cheung is the man to supply it.

Messrs. Moutrie and Co.
Once more we have pleasure in calling attention to the boon and blessing provided by that well-known music establishment, Messrs. Moutrie and Company. In gramophones and records they are not a whit behind the finest shops in London. Their records cover an extensive choice and reproduce the talents of the finest artists in the world. There is a special apartment for the testing or trying of gramophones and records, and those interested in pianos and organs are at liberty to visit the showroom and try any of the instruments to be found there. The music library is an extensive one, and it is something out of the way indeed that Moutrie's will be found short of.

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Just now the conditions are very favourable for motoring. One incidental to a pleasant motor trip is a good car, and to obtain this we recommend a trip by one of the easy-running cars which can be supplied at a moment's notice by the Exile Garage. For anything in the motor line this establishment cannot be beaten. They have expert drivers, and these men are thoroughly acquainted with the roads they are called upon to traverse. During the holidays just telephoned to the Exile Garage and fix up a trip. You will then agree with what we say.

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Messrs. Caldbeck, MacGregor and Co.
At this time of the year our attention is turned to the luxuries of life more than at any other time; those who never otherwise think of wines or spirits like to split a bottle over their Christmas dinner. Those who have relatives abroad can be sure that the health of the missing ones will be toasted, and we can do the same in Hongkong. Then we look round for suitable material for the toasting, and our thoughts naturally wander to Messrs. Caldbeck, MacGregor and Co. where it is certain we will find all that the premier distillers export. Their wines and spirits are par excellence and their prices are such as have made the firm so popular as it is with the people of this Colony.

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The Anderson Music Company have eclipsed even the delightful preparations they made for last Christmas. Patrons of this house may reckon on getting anything they require in the music line. There is a well-furnished apartment for the trying of gramophones, and the immense variety of productions which they stock means that every want can be readily supplied. Should you want anything they by accident have not got, just mention it, and they will obtain it for you at the shortest possible notice. For repairs, too, they have maintained their fame, and anyone with a good piano or organ who does not contract with them for their services is acting against his own interests.

Messrs. Ramsey and Co.
After the festive season is over and we read the reports of plague and small-pox on their ravishing journey through the Colony, we look for something to keep the pest away from us. It is then that we remember the results of Izal. This famous disinfectant should be in every household, as there is nothing better for keeping away all that is a menace to health. Messrs. W. R. Loxley and Company are able to supply all demands, and on putting such a commodity before the public and within the reach of every household, however modest his income may be, they are to be congratulated.

Messrs. Ramsey and Co.
What is the use of having a typewriter that either won't work or does so in a manner that does not please, when Messrs. Ramsey and Company, Pottinger Street, will not only put it right, but will keep it in good order for a year, for quite a small sum? This firm is expert in all that appertains to writing machines and all accessories can be purchased from them. They have always a good stock of machines on hand and those who need a machine have no occasion to be without one if they only visit this shop.

The Carlton Hotel.
Renovated and redecorated as it has been by Mr. O. E. Owen, the Carlton Hotel is one of the nicest and quietest residences that can be found in the centre of the town. Its nearness to the business portion of the city is one of its best features, and one that does not lie within the province of the management to better. Other features, such as cuisine and attendance, cannot possibly be excelled, and Mr. Owen is to be congratulated on the good accommodation which he provides at such a moderate cost. The appointments are of quite good order, and the hotel certainly is what is claimed to be a quiet and refined home.

Messrs. Alexander Ross and Co.
If one is thinking of boating and has designs on a motor boat, let him go to Messrs. Alexander Ross and Company and be accommodated with a trial of the famous Oaille motor. It is claimed for this portable motor that it has many features not to be found in others. It enjoys all the latest improvements, and the agents are satisfied that once a trial has been given, a customer is secured. The spring will shortly be upon us and the delightful trips one can make in the boat he once had to row, by having a Oaille motor, is a joy to be sought. This firm also supplies the famous Ford motor cars.

For Smokers.
Maspero Freres is a name to conjure with when one strays into the tobacco world, for their "Feluccas" are the last word in cigarettes. There are many who will never be claimed from the ranks of the lovers of the plain Virginia, but those who have left them have been won away by the excellent productions of Maspero Freres. A test of their quality is the general recognition accorded them by smokers all over the world, and no smoker's table will be complete this Christmas if this fine make of smokes does not figure. The British American Tobacco Company are the local agents.

Mackintosh and Co., Ltd.
Mackintosh and Co., Ltd., have a shop in Des Vaux Road which has to be visited to be appreciated, for it displays a wonderful array of men's clothes of moderate cost and excellent taste. The lady who is out buying presents for her men folk would be wise to step in and see what this firm has to show. Not only are there the usual ties, socks etc., over which, by the way, no lady can make a mistake, because none of their goods are of questionable taste, but Messrs. Mackintosh are showing some nice things in the shape of cuff links and those hundred and one little things that go to make a man well-appointed. There are also some fine dressing gowns, warm and well-made, while umbrellas and sticks are to be found in profusion, which makes choice quite difficult.

Gande, Price and Co., Ltd.
Messrs. Gande, Price and Co., Ltd., who have always something of interest in the way of liquors or smokes on display in their windows, have all the usual good things in stock for those who are preparing for an enjoyable Christmas. In fact, they might be said to have as fine an appreciation of the requirements of the average buyer as any firm in Hongkong. For example, the hampers which they sell at this time of the year show their knowledge of the fact that a judicious selection of good liquors is better than a lot of one. All the various items in their hampers are well chosen and the prices are such as to commend themselves to all.

Hongkong Turkish Bath and Toilet Co.
The Hongkong Turkish Bath and Toilet Company, Ltd., has a claim on the attention of everyone, apart from the season. The premier toilet saloon in the Colony, it has, in addition to the usual appliances for tending the hair of clients and other matters necessary to good appearance, recently opened a very fine Turkish bath installation with all the attendant accessories, which are looked after in fine style. The fact that it is thus supplying a want that has been felt in Hongkong for a long time past is all the more appreciated when the care which has been put into the installation is recognised. The management, in order to give everyone an opportunity of utilising the fine convenience that it has placed before the public, has set apart forenoon hours for the benefit of lady customers.

For Motor-Boat Owners.
The marine engineering world would have been badly served if the Penta kerosene motor had not been placed on the market. It is a most reliable machine and as compact as it is powerful; it can be used for boats or in a stationary position, while the various sizes in which it is made render it useful for any number of works. Again, the fact that kerosene is used means a considerable saving over those in which the motive power is derived from petrol, and this feature alone, especially as the capabilities of the machines are equal to any gasoline engine, should bring it largely before the notice of engineers. The agents, A. B. the Swedish Trading Co. in China, Ltd., who have their offices in Y.K. Building, have various sizes in stock and keep a demonstration boat in the harbour, where intending purchasers have a good opportunity of examining the engine under working conditions.

The New Macao Hotel.
Opened on August 1 of this year, the New Macao Hotel, on the Praia Grande at Macao, offers good accommodation to tourists and residents. It has been newly furnished throughout and is up-to-date in every respect. It contains large and airy rooms, good sanitary arrangements, hot and cold baths, and electric light throughout. Against the accommodation that is offered there is still another good feature, that the charges are moderate, and anyone desiring to spend Christmas out of Hongkong would do well to bear the hotel in mind.

A Singapore Hotel.
Among the most consistent advertisers is the Grand Hotel de l'Europe at Singapore, a hotel which is situated in the best part of the town and which is renowned for the excellence of its arrangements. Under English management, its fine sanitary arrangements, the conveniences placed at the disposal of residents in the hotel, and the minute attention to detail which goes to secure comfort, are features which mark it as one of the premier hotels of the East.

The Alexandra Cafe.
The many convenient places in Hongkong to meet friends and enjoy good cheer include among their number the Alexandra Cafe. Situated, as it is, in a central position, and catering for practically all tastes, the Alexandra Cafe deserves more than passing attention. Meals obtained here are always well-cooked, while there may be found daily some special dish served up in a fashion that can only reflect credit on the management. In addition to excellent catering, the Cafe supplies some well-known brands of teas and coffee, while their bread, cakes, scones and pastry are among the best in the Colony.

A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.
A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., have, perhaps, some of the finest shops in the city and the wonderful array of goods that they always display deserves more than passing attention on an occasion such as Christmas. With businesslike foresight they set themselves out to cater for the Christmas trade and from them can be purchased fine wines and liquors, good whiskeys, excellent cigars, and any number of other delicacies, not forgetting chocolates and sweets, so well liked by ladies. Their windows are always choice, ly set out and the hundred and one little items that as presents give boundless delight to their recipients have to be seen to be appreciated.

Asahi Beer.
There was a time when the only nation that was looked upon as being able to brew beer was the British, but the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha are agents for a beer, the "Asahi" brand, that has earned for itself a lasting reputation out East. At a time when certain foreign brews have lost the place they once held, and when another beer must be found to take their place, it is comforting to know that our Allies, the Japanese, are able to supply this commodity in

very fine quality. The "Asahi" beer is renowned for its lightness, good colour and moderate cost and, to the average drinker, there can be no doubt that it has many qualities which are its best commendation.

Dragon Cycle Co.
Of the many ways of spending Christmas practically everyone chooses a method which at least requires that a certain amount of the day should be spent in the open air. Sailing is certainly one form of enjoyment in this manner, but perhaps the best is a good motor car run over the hills and to the many points on the island that are worth a visit. The Dragon Cycle Depot caters for the public on both sides of the harbour, and those who have done the usual routes on the island will find many new places to go to on the roads that lead out of Kowloon. As oftentimes the decision to use a car is only arrived at on the spur of the moment, it is as well to note that No. 482 will reach the Hongkong depot and No. 226 K. that at Kowloon.

How to Send Parcels Home.
Who at this time has not been worried over the trouble of sending presents home? It is true that the time has passed for forwarding Christmas presents, but the Hongkong Parcel Express and Storage Co. are with us all the year round and can always send any package for us to the Homeland. Practically speaking, all one has to do is to let them know one is sending a parcel home, and without further trouble to their customers they will pack, ship, store, clear, insure and forward to any part of the world, without the slightest inconvenience, and with the certainty of as speedy a delivery as if one went to all that trouble oneself. As an institution of convenience, the Hongkong Parcel Express and Storage Co. has much to commend it.

Messrs. Ruttonjee and Son.
Messrs. Ruttonjee and Son, in their spacious premises in Queen's Road Central, store many things which make glad the heart of man. All the year through they do the best of catering for the home and at Christmas time they put forth a special effort to please. In addition to numerous commodities for table consumption, they have a good selection of fancy dishes and savouries which are certainly worth consideration, while their wine and spirit cellars contain much in their depths that should appeal to the connoisseur. Apart from that, the fact that their name has been so well known in Hongkong, and for such a long time, is in itself the best guarantee that the goods they supply are of the best quality.

The King Edward Hotel.
The convenient position of the King Edward Hotel, its pleasing frontage, and the fine view of the lagoon which can be seen easily by the passer-by, are details which go to form a pleasing first impression, which is deepened when once its hospitable portals are passed. Inside, accommodation of the highest class is to be found, and Mr. Cooke, the manager, is careful that all the wants of his guests are well attended to. The dining room, which is large and airy, presents a most pleasing appearance, while the meals that are served up in it are noted for the quality of the food and the excellence of the service. Here again, Mr. Cooke is affording a fine place to have dinner from home and so give a pleasant outing to the wife who wishes for relief from the endless round of household duties.

Silk at Low Prices.
Now is the time to make bargains in silk, as well as to secure suitable Christmas presents, for Mr. D. Chellaram is holding a sale of his stock at 56, Queen's Road Central, prior to moving to other premises. Those who have had the pleasure of visiting Mr. Chellaram know what a fine range of silks and embroideries he carries in stock, and the fact that he

is holding a fourteen days' sale should tempt the ladies to go and see for themselves what good things he is offering them. The reduction in prices amounts to as much as fifty per cent., and that, in addition to the quality of his goods, should prove a more than usually strong inducement.

Victoria Theatre.
The Victoria Theatre will always be dear to those who, when they leave Hongkong, look back on the enjoyable times they have had here, for it has constantly supplied some of the best of pictures and has always presented programmes that have pleased. The management is preparing special features for Christmas, and on December 24 they are having a Christmas Tree Matinee; also on the three succeeding days. Their programme of pictures includes the sensational dramas "Gipsy Blood" and "John Starling, Alderman" as well as the usual comic and industrial films. Mr. Bert Platt and Miss Flo Brooks, the well-known entertainers, will also figure in the programme, this being the last week of their appearance in Hongkong.

Messrs. Kelly and Walsh.
Books for the bairns, by favourite authors, bound in some fine leather that makes, as it were, a gold setting for the jewels within, or editions de luxe, with beautiful illustrations by masters of pen, pencil or brush, can all be found in the wide expanse of bookshelves that confronts the visitor to the store of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh. Books of all sorts are displayed there; as are toys, games, and artistic almanacs in profusion, while the various works of art are such as to enable anyone to find a charming gift, sure to please the buyer as much as the recipient.

The Hongkong Hotel.
The Hongkong Hotel, which might be rightly described as the centre of social life in Hongkong, will, as usual, celebrate Christmas in its own choice style. The popularity of the hotel's ventures at other festive seasons make it certain that this year they will again score heavily. On Christmas Day they will have a special menu for dinner in the grill room, and the band of the 74th Punjab will be in attendance, so situated that the diners in both the grill and the dining rooms will be well able to hear. The beauty of the rooms and the careful attention that diners always receive, both in the ordinary dining room and the grill, make the hotel a most enjoyable place for having a Christmas dinner away from home.

Bijou Scenic Theatre.
The Bijou Scenic Theatre is, as usual, well to the fore with its preparations for amusing Christmas attendances. In addition to the sixth series of war pictures, "Roambole," which is a film of seven thousand feet in length, and in four parts, figures largely on the programme, while on Christmas Day a special matinee is being given, when the programme will include "A Lone with the Devil," an interesting film, over six thousand feet in length. The Bijou Theatre has always commanded an extensive patronage on account of the good things it has for the public, and there is little doubt that they will prove as strong an attraction this Christmas as ever before.

The Grand Hotel.
The Grand Hotel is, as it claims to be, a first-class and thoroughly up-to-date hotel. For long it has been famed for the excellence of its food, while its central position is one of the things that tends towards its popularity. All the year through it has a string orchestra which renders selections in a pleasing manner throughout the evening, and for those who enjoy a modest evening's outing the Grand Hotel affords excellent facilities. The liquors that Host Reichenmann has in stock are such as to please the palates of the most exacting.

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